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MORE GROUND WON ON WEST BATTLE-LINE

DESPERATE FIGHTING IN RUSSIAN POLAND

Battle on Bzura, Rawaka and Pilica Rivers One of Greatest in War

GERMAN TROOPS MOVE IN NORTHERN FRANCE

Allies Continue Their Offensive and Make Gains Each Day

Petrograd, Dec. 23.—Large bodies of Russian troops are moving toward Cracow, the Galician stronghold, from the north and east. An important battle apparently is developing in Southwestern Poland near Cracow.

While the Germans are not relaxing their efforts along the line from Sochaczew to Skierniewice, in the movement toward Warsaw, the greatest activity yesterday was in the vicinity of Miechow and Andrejew, immediately northeast of Cracow. The Russians have moved back to positions along the left bank of the Nida river near its junction with the Vistula, 30 miles east of Cracow. The objective of the Austro-German forces in this vicinity appears to be Kielce. Their front extends about seventy miles from the bank of the Nida. Their strength is estimated at eight to ten army corps (320,000 to 400,000 men).

The Teutonic allies on December 18 attacked the outskirts of Pinczow, 25 miles east of Miechow, and were successful in crossing the river. Subsequently, however, they were thrown back with heavy losses, after a desperate fight.

The Russians are in force along the Pilica river, 20 miles southeast of Pinrkow. The gap between that position and the Nida river is occupied by five divisions of German cavalry. The two Russian armies are seeking to close in, moving in the direction of Opoczno. Near the latter point in the vicinity of the town of Shedboro, an Austrian force was defeated several days ago, losing 1,000 men and 17 officers.

It is the opinion of Russian military critics that the action in this territory is intended by the Germans to draw away the Russians from the vicinity of Cracow by threatening their communications.

The official announcement of Russian successes in Galicia is interpreted here as meaning a definite defeat of the third Austrian advance. The Russians claim to have taken the offensive, attacking successfully the entire southern frontier forces of the Austrians under General von Bohem-Ermolli.

London, Dec. 23.—The eighty-mile front in Russian Poland, to the west of Warsaw, where the Germans and Russians are at grips on the banks of the Bzura, Rawaka and Pilica rivers, continues to be the scene of the most desperate fighting in either the eastern or western arenas of the war.

When the weather conditions under which the troops are fighting are recalled, the sufferings of men in the trenches may to some extent be appreciated. The country is experiencing the full force of winter. Each side has sustained tremendous losses in this battle of the rivers.

Although the Germans claim to have forced the Russian line at a number of places, it is nevertheless a fact, according to reports reaching London, that the Russian front has been straightened out and it is difficult to visualize which contender has the strategic advantage.

Again there comes trickling through from Holland reports of vast numbers of German forces moving from the east and west. A dispatch reaching here from Amsterdam says that thousands of German troops have passed through Aix la Chapelle toward Northern France. This activity may be the forerunner of a renewed German offensive in the western arena, under the eye of Emperor William, or it may be intended to offset reinforcements Great Britain has been throwing lately into the French field of hostility. As the situations appear to stand, the allies in France and Belgium continue more on the offensive than defensive and every day shows slight gains to their credit.

It is believed that notwithstanding the failure of the plan for an armistice over Christmas, some sort of a lull will set in on Christmas Day.

The London papers have decided unanimously not to publish on Christmas and the official press bureau will suspend its activities from the afternoon of December 24 until the evening of December 25.

Thousands tons of Christmas presents have been sent to all the fronts. The distribution and enjoyment of these gifts is another argument for the probable suspension of hostilities wherever this is possible.

ONE RESULT OF WAR WILL BE NEW FRANCE

London Papers Refer to the Speeches in French Chamber of Deputies

London, Dec. 23.—"If Germany has lost her soul in this war, France has found hers."

This phrase from the Daily Chronicle's editorial crystallizes the British reception of news of the proceedings in the French chamber and the speech of M. Viviani and M. Deschanel. The Chronicle adds: "The war has revealed a new France, regenerated and urged of dross, virile, enduring and capable of any sacrifice. German professors and politicians, scorning France, have been incapable of distinguishing between the frothy declarations of warring politicians and the strong heart of France."

The Daily Telegraph says: "Had it been foretold to the warmaker at Berlin that four months after the breaking of peace the whole machinery of the French state would be calmly performing its functions in unthreatened Paris, the prophecy would have been scolded as a madman's dream."

The Morning Post welcomes the salutary effect upon British opinion of M. Viviani's reminder that the fight will be hard and long. Happily Lloyd George has lifted the corner of the veil and disclosed the magnitude of the effort Britain has begun to make and will continue with ever-increasing strength of purpose.

The Times says: "Whatever the deluded German public thinks, the German leaders and rulers know perfectly well that their original plans have failed and they are only fighting for some advantage which will be a step towards the ultimate object, namely, the downfall of Britain. They hold Belgium, particularly the coastline, and Antwerp, and will cling to it with all the more tenacity because it is the only gain they have made. If they succeed they will start over again to build up their strength and use Belgium as a jumping-off place.

NEUTRALITY DISPUTE CLOSED BY GOETHALS

Estimated Time for Passing Ships Through Canal is Greatly Reduced

New York, Dec. 23.—The request of Col. Goethals for the dispatch of American warships to the canal to preserve the neutrality of the United States was suggested by naval officers in charge of wireless plants and naval affairs in the zone, was forwarded to Washington as a matter of form by Colonel Goethals, acting in his capacity as governor of the canal zone, and the incident is closed so far as Col. Goethals is concerned.

He made this announcement upon his arrival here to-day from Cristobal on the steamship Panama.

Col. Goethals said that naval officers had reported to him that there had been two violations of American neutarlity. He declined to give the names of the naval officers or to mention the names of the vessels involved.

"One of the incidents was that of a ship which sailed without clearance papers and the other was a ship that was reported to have been using her wireless within the canal zone," Col. Goethals said.

"The naval officials in charge brought the matter to my attention and asked me, as governor, to request the government to send warships to the canal zone. I transmitted their request as a matter of form and there my responsibility ends.

"In recommending that the ships be sent I was governed by the recommendation made to me by the naval officers."

Col. Goethals expects to go to Washington after the Christmas holidays to urge congress to appropriate $10,000,000 for the construction of drydocks, barracks, machine shops and wharves in the canal zone. He intimated that he would have nothing further to say in the matter of sending warships to the canal zone unless he were asked to give his views.

"I also want to ask for an additional dredge when I go to Washington," he said. "I fear that we will have to keep a dredge working on the canal steadily for a year or more. The hills at Culebra seem to be settling, and this is the cause of the frequent slides. We have been able, however, to get the ships through the canal in much better time than we thought we would. For instance, we calculated on half an hour to each of the three locks, but we find that a ship can be passed through all three locks in forty-five minutes."

—Punch.

GOOD HUNTING.
A Chip Of the Old Block.

WORSHIP OF HEAVEN REVIVED FOR CHINA

Yuan Shi Kai Takes Upon Himself Rite Always Reserved to Emperor.

Peking, Dec. 23.—President Yuan Shi Kai, at sunrise to-day appeared at the altar of heaven in the Chinese city and revived the worship of heaven at the winter solstice, an observance neglected since the passing of the Manchu dynasty in 1911. In this the president of the republic took upon himself a function and rite which in the past always has been reserved to the emperor of China in his capacity of Tientsz, or Son of Heaven.

The president to-day worshipped at the famous circular altar, the most important of all Chinese religious structures. It is located in a sacred park, three miles from the palace of the emperors and is surrounded by sacred buildings. The altar formerly was regarded in China as the centre of the universe.

Yuan Shi Kai submitted a bill to the Chinese administrative council in January of this year, prescribing the Worship of Heaven and of Confucius, for the president of China, and the measure was passed by the council. This act was regarded as tantamount to establishing a state religion for China. During the deliberations of the council it was set forth that the president of the republic should worship at the temple of Confucius and at the temple of heaven annually as had been the custom of the emperor. To-day's function appears to be carrying out of purposes then set forth.

MEIGHEN SAYS WAR HAS UNITED ALL CANADIANS

Port Arthur, Dec. 21.—Hon. Arthur Meighen, solicitor-general, addressed the Women's Canadian club this afternoon. He said the war had united the Canadian people and their efforts towards bringing it to a successful conclusion will create a spirit making for a grander Canada than could otherwise be developed.

U. S. CONGRESS ADJOURNED.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Both houses of congress adjourned to-day until December 29, for a Christmas holiday recess.

WAR LOAN PASSED BY FRENCH PARLIAMENT

Eight and Half Billion Francs Voted to Cover Expenses of Next Six Months

Paris, Dec. 23.—The chamber of deputies voted unanimously to-day an appropriation of 8,500,000,000 francs to cover the expenses of the next six months, including the cost of the war.

To-day's sitting of parliament was less emotional and mor business-like than the opening session yesterday. In the chamber of deputies almost all of the members were present, and they cast their votes with little discussion and without a murmur of dissent. Although the voting urns were passed around, their use was unnecessary, since all parties were of a single mind concerning the necessity of providing the government with the means of carrying on the war.

Votes were cast by 561 deputies of the total membership of 597. The session lasted only a half hour.

It was announced that General Joffre had granted a further leave to the deputies serving with the army who will not be required to rejoin the ranks until three days after the termination of the usual January session.

FAMOUS BISLEY SHOT KILLED ON BATTLEFIELD

London, Dec. 23.—The famous Bisley shot, Sergt. Tippins, of the Essex Regiment, has been killed while carrying water for a maxim gun. He was in the final for the king's prize, five out of the last six years.

Sergt. Duncan Tovey, of the London Scottish, perhaps the best known figure on Bisley common, has returned home wounded.

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LENGTH OF WAR WILL DEPEND ON BRITAIN

Admiral Von Tirpitz Interviewed mits Weakness of the German Fleet.

Rotterdam, Dec. 23.—A remarkable interview with Admiral von Tirpitz has just been received here. It is said to have been given to an American journalist, and in it the head of the German navy is reported as saying that the length of the war depended entirely upon Great Britain. Von Tirpitz also confessed the weakness of the German fleet, for when asked when it would come out and attack the British fleet he is said to have replied: "You cannot expect that our fleet, which numbers one-third of the British fleet, will come out and allow the British fleet to deliver its death blow."

The interviewer suggested that an attack by Zeppelins might be prepared, and the admiral is represented as answering: "I believe that a war of submarines against British merchant ships will have more effect than that."

DAMAGE BY FIRE AT SQUAMISH IS $13,000

Squamish, B. C., Dec. 23.—A disastrous fire occurred here at 11 o'clock last night, starting at McCallum's store and rooming house. It wiped out Buckley's livery stable and a small dwelling house to the north, and turning southwards took the M. & H. hall and poolroom, Marion building and Mackenzie's clothing store. The Squamish meat market and Newport hotel were saved after a hard struggle. The fire was finally under control at 3 o'clock this morning. The cause has not yet been determined. It is supposed to have been caused by a defective flue in McCallum's rooming house. The damage is estimated at $13,000.

ANGLO-FRENCH FLEET BOMBARDS DARDANELLES

Rome, Dec. 23.—It is reported here that the Anglo-French fleet, which has been bombarding the Dardanelles forts, has forced the straits

HARD FIGHTING IN BELGIUM IN FAVOR OF ALLIED ARMIES

Machine Guns and Crews Captured in Storming of Line at Perths-les-Hurlus—Hard Fighting Going on for Boureilles Position.

Germans Driven Back in East Prussia But Advance in Poland Gaining Footing on Lower Bzura.

Paris, Dec. 23.—The French war office this afternoon gave out an official statement as follows: "Yesterday in Belgium we made slight progress between the sea and the highway from Nieuport to Westende, as well as in the region between Steenstrawe and Bixschoote, where we occupied a forest, some houses and a redoubt.

"To the east of Bethune, working in conjunction with the British army, we reached the village of Givnechy-les-Labassee, which had been lost to us.

"In the region of Arras a heavy fog made it necessary for both the enemy and ourselves to lessen our activities.

"To the east of Amiens, on the Aisne, and in Champagne, there have been artillery engagements.

Average Gain of Eight Hundred Yards.

"In the region of Perthes-les-Hurlus we carried, after a spirited cannonade and two assaults, the last section of the line which we occupied in part December 21. We made an average gain of 800 yards. In the last trench which came into our possession we captured a section of machine guns, including the gun crews. A violent counter-attack was repulsed.

"We also made progress to the northeast of Beausejour, where further counter-attacks on the part of the enemy were without success.

"There has been a perceptible advance on the part of the allied troops in the forest of La Grurie against a front of trenches 400 yards wide and running not less than 250 yards deep. We blew up with mines two of these German lines of works, and occupied the excavations.

Hard Fighting Goes on at Boureilles.

"The fighting is going on in the vicinity of Boureilles with the outcome fairly serious. It would appear not to have been possible to retain entirely the positions acquired yesterday morning.

"There has been no incident from the heights of the Meuse to upper Alsace.

"Russia—In East Prussia the Germans have been driven back on the line from Neidenberg to Soldau to Lantenburg.

"In Poland the Germans were successful in getting a footing on the lower Bzura to the north of Sochaczew. Further to the south they reached Rawka river at Bolimow and they have passed Skirniewice moving to the east.

"Austro-German forces are moving into Poland along a front which runs from a point to the southeast of Pietrkow to the west of the river Nida, in Galicia. They have reached the river Dunajek, and they occupy a line from Grybow to Smigrod and Sanok.

"The effort at a sortie, made by the Przemysl garrison resulted in complete failure."

LLOYDS RATES AGAINST ITALY ENTERING WAR

London, Dec. 23.—Lloyd's is charging thirty guineas per cent. to insure against war between Italy and Germany, Austria and Turkey, within one month, and fifty guineas per cent. that war between those countries will not be declared within six months. Five guineas per cent. is asked to insure against war breaking out between Great Britain and Norway within 12 months.

MANY GERMAN WOUNDED FROM YSER BATTLE-LINE

London, Dec. 23.—A telegram from Amsterdam says great masses of German wounded are on the move. A Cologne dispatch says 2,000 seriously wounded Germans from the Yser battle-line passed through there yesterday, together with 200 Belgian wounded who had been taken prisoners. A German aeroplane dropped two bombs on Amiens yesterday, which, although aimed at the important railroad junction, fell on waste ground.

MONTENEGRINS GOING HOME TO JOIN IN WAR

Orders Issued That Those Assembling at Montreal Are to Be Taken Care Of.

Montreal, Dec. 23.—Orders were received from Ottawa this morning by the military authorities to be prepared to care for Montenegrins who will concentrate here from all over Canada. The Montenegrins, it is understood, intend to go home to serve in the army, but how many are coming is not known. There were several thousand in railroad construction work a few months ago. Those who arrive will be housed in the old High school serving as a military barracks.

KAISER IS PROCEEDING WEST NOW AT COLOGNE

London, Dec. 23.—In a dispatch from Cologne the correspondent of the Central News says that Emperor William with his entire staff reached Cologne to-day from Berlin on his way to the western battle-front.

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LATE NIGHT WAR NEWS

OPTIMISM IN RANKS SOLDIERS CONFIDENT

Member for Thunder Bay Travelled 300 Miles Along Great Battlefield

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—After having made a 300-mile automobile trip from Dunkirk to Armentieres, 50 miles of which was along the battlefront, J. J. Carrick, M. P. for Thunder Bay, returned by the Adriatic to New York and reached Ottawa to-day. He was thoroughly impressed with the experience. The trip, which was made from Dunkirk in a British consular car, occupied four days, during which time he visited the British trenches and witnessed the batteries of the allies replying to the German guns; spent several hours with the Indian troops; saw the hospitals with their wounded, and generally obtained a good impression of the war in France. The car passed ruined villages razed by shell fire, manoeuvred around the craters caused by the shells which had previously burst upon the road, and was stopped at intervals by sentries who examined the passports of the occupants.

"I was tremendously impressed with the British troops. The spirit is wonderful and they are all as contented as possible. Every class of a community is there and all are intent on the same idea, namely, to do their part to see the war through. The Indian soldiers are especially interesting, and are proud of the duty assigned to them. They talk freely, many in good English, and the only complaint is that the weather is a little colder than they are accustomed to in India. Everyone, British, French and Belgian is confident that there can be only one outcome to the war, and they are all there to bring that about."

GERMAN BANK DISCOUNT RATE IS DOWN TO 5%

Berlin, Dec. 23.—The rate of discount of the Imperial Bank of Germany was reduced to-day to five per cent. This puts the rate of discount back to what it was July 31, previous to the outbreak of hostilities in Europe.

SHOWS VIVIDLY WORK OF TROOPS BY NIGHT

Darkness Lit by Flashes of Rockets Show Snow-Bound Earth Below

London, Dec. 22.—Under what picturesque circumstances men often move forward to the firing-line is described by a London artist, a member of the Honorable Artillery Corps, who, with the sensitive eye of his craft, tells of his impressions with more than ordinary vividness. His letter is undated, but was presumably written somewhere in Belgium.

"After doing work all over one country," he writes, "we find ourselves in another with every prospect of having a warm time, which we have all been praying for. At the last place but two we were digging a second line of trenches, and came in for some very hot fire. The next day they caught us as we went to dig in slightly more advanced trenches; and we lay in a small ditch for about three hours with shells and rifle bullets flying about over our heads and flicking leaves off the stunted willow trees in our ditch.

"The night before last we left at about 5 o'clock. It was pitch black and intensely cold, and snow lay heavily everywhere on the fields, roofs and trees as we marched silently through the village and out into a long, long road, with a wonderful avenue of trees like Hobbema's famous picture at the National Gallery. On we go, and always, like a tremendous surf beating on an iron shore, comes the booming of guns. Rockets shoot up, leaving a long stream of stars and showing up the silent country, snowbound, and very peaceful looking, until one comes to a village totally deserted, heaps of debris and great shell holes in the road and roofs telling their dreadful story.

"We halt silently and move on again, and, as if to remind us that the world is not so peaceful after all, shells come bursting through the air. One bursts quite close, setting a ruined house in a tremendous blaze, and lighting up the whole zone. We are just out of it; five minutes earlier would have shown us all up, and we should probably have been very effectively shelled.

"We climbed down little slippery slopes and up others very wearily. Over fields, and then we reached reserve trenches at about 7.30. One of my great fears was of suffocation, and to stagger into a hole in the ground and find oneself under the earth, his head touching his knees and the roof above, in black darkness, not knowing where one is, and feeling caught in on every side, is dreadful to me. We do guard duty, each section, until about 4.30 in the morning, with slight sniping to remind one of the Germans, then we form up and off again, and stagger, it seems, for miles across fields and broken country. Here we are at last at the first line of trenches. Black, silent figures suddenly appear, a few whispered orders, and we find ourselves in the trenches.

"There are five of us in our trench. The dawn comes up slowly, and we can see what is in front of us. We are evidently on top of a slope. There has to be one observer in every trench for half an hour all through the day and at night an hour. The cold is still intense, but we open a tin of jam and start having breakfast. Suddenly my slice of bread and jam is covered with clay, knocked off the top of the trench.

"The snipers are at work, and wonderful shots they are too. Over a hundred bullets were put just in the top of our trench, and whenever an ovserver's head went up to look through a small enclosure, they were at it again. Suddenly their batteries opened fire on us, and, getting the range with marvelous celerity, they continued for the next hour to put close on 100 shells on about half a dozen trenches, including ours. We are all crouched down. Clouds of black, evil-smelling smoke, showers of earth and stones, pieces of shell and other debris come flying into the trenches. One man finds a large piece of shell in his overcoat pocket. No one was hurt in our trench. On our left the regiment had four killed and several wounded. This is being under fire properly, and we were glad when they stopped and gave us a rest. Not so with the snipers, who kept it up all day.

"Night observation is very nerve-racking. All shapes look human, menacing and advancing. There is a tremendous artillery duel going on on our left. We are relieved just before dawn, and we creep here very tired, dirty and cold, but very glad to have passed through our really first test of endurance all right."

GETS VICTORIA CROSS FOR SINKING MESSUDIEH

London, Dec. 22.—The Victoria Cross has been conferred upon Lieutenant-Commander Norman B. Holbrook, commander of the submarine B-11, for torpedoing the Turkish battleship Messudieh in the Dardanelles on December 13.

Victoria Crosses have been awarded also to Second Lieutenant James Leach and Sergeant John Hogan, of the 2nd Battalion of the Manchester regiment, for "conspicuous bravery near Festubert, on October 29, when, after their trench had been taken by Germans, and after two attempts to recapture had failed, they voluntarily decided on the afternoon of the same day to recover the trench themselves, and, working from traverse to traverse, at close quarters, with great bravery gradually succeeded in regaining possession of the trench. They killed eight of the enemy, wounded two and made sixteen prisoners."

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INDIAN TROOPS ARE ASSURED OF VICTORY

Endurance and Fighting Ability Astonished Those of Other Nations

Boulogne, Dec. 22.—The great endurance and fighting ability of the native troops from India who have come to take part, for the first time, in history, in a war against white troops on European soil, have astonished those against whom they have been pitted as well as all the allied commanders, except the British.

The only question which arose in the British officers' minds was whether the Indians would be able to stand against artillery fire, to which they had never been subjected in the frontier wars. This has been answered in the affirmative, and they have proved as steady under shrapnel fire as the best of their white comrades in arms. Not only this, but the commanders of the allied armies aver that they show dash and fearlessness to a remarkable degree, and have on many occasions displayed great initiative under the most difficult circumstances. These warriors from the Punjab and Bengal and their fellow soldiers, the little hardy Gurkhas and Pathans from the mountains on the Afghanistan frontier, generally bear the variations of climate with the greatest fortitude. They declare they are fighting for their rajah emperor, and it is not for them to complain.

Just as well drilled and disciplined as the soldiers of any European power, they go into battle with the full assurance that they will be victors. When they first went into action they disdained the protection of the shelter trenches and darted across the open at their opponents with their bayonets and knives, much to their cost. They have since learned, like all the other troops engaged in this war of rabbit warrens, to bore their way through the earth to get at their foes, and they have proved even more adept at this kind of fighting than their European comrades.

GERMANS MAKE SECOND INVASION OF ANGOLA

Commander Retreats for Purpose of Obtaining Reinforcements.

Lisbon, Dec. 23.—The Germans again have invaded Angola, Portuguese West Africa. The fact was announced in the chamber of deputies by the minister of the colonies, who said the Germans had made a fresh attack on the military post at Nauila, in the province of Angola.

The commander, Lieut.-Colonel Rocadas, the minister stated, had only a small force at his disposal and retreated in order to obtain reinforcements with which to drive out the Germans.

Further details of the affair, the minister said, were lacking.

The first invasion of Angola occurred late in October, according to reports from Lorenzo Marques, East Africa, when a small party of German cavalry arrived at Nauila and asked for an interview with the commander. A fight occurred, according to reports, during which three Germans were killed before the party retired. Berlin, however, has denied that such an incident occurred.

Reports from Lisbon show that 3,000 men were sent from Portugal to its West African colony in September and October, and that in November the country was prepared to send 4,000 additional troops there. The Portuguese activity was caused by reports that Germany had armed great numbers of the natives and had placed them under the training of German officers for an invasion of Angola.

MESSAGE SENT UNDER STAMP FROM GERMANY

Starvation in Country Soon is Indication That is Smuggled Past the Censor.

Winnipeg, Dec. 22.—An American citizen resident in Winnipeg received a letter a few days ago from a lifelong friend now in Germany. The letter had been censored, but, on the whole, it was moderately optimistic. The concluding paragraph is: "I remember how enthusiastic a stamp collector you are. This is a new issue, and, as one of the first out, it is worth keeping."

The recipient has never had stamp fever and never will, but that last sentence set him thinking. He tore off the stamp. Underneath he found lightly written in pencil: "We are starving."

POINT GREY CONSTABLE PRISONER OF GERMANS

Point Grey, Dec. 22.—Constable Percy Kirkham, who left Point Grey on the outbreak of the war to rejoin the Coldstream Guards as a reservist, is reported to have been captured by the Germans and is now a prisoner of war at Schneidemuhl, Posen. Constable Kirkham was wounded early in the war, but apparently recovered and was sent back to the trenches, where he was captured together with a number of officers and men of the Coldstream Guards.

Had Constable Kirkham not been captured he would have received a large hamper of clothing, cigars and Christmas cheer forwarded to him some time ago by Kerrisdale residents.

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ALFRED HENRY LEWIS, NOTED WRITER, DEAD

New York, Dec. 23.—Alfred Henry Lewis, newspaperman and writer of books, died to-day at the home of his brother here. He had been ill only a few days.

Mr. Lewis was born in Cleveland 55 years ago. Though a lawyer he entered newspaper work in Kansas City in 1890, and subsequently became a writer of political articles by which he established a reputation as one of the foremost political writers of the country.

He was described as a prodigous worker, and in fifteen years produced eighteen books, many of which obtained a wide and popular circulation. He was well known also as a writer of western stories in which cowboys and miners were dominant figures, as well as of articles on underworld life in this city.

For several years he was the Washington correspondent of the Chicago Times, which he left in 1896 to serve in the same capacity for two years with the Hearst papers. He then became the editor of The Verdict, a humorous weekly, but soon turned his attention again to fiction and political writing. Of late years he had been employed as a political writer by the Hearst papers. Among his best known books are "Wolfville," "The Sunset Trail," and "The Boss."

Mr. Lewis is survived by two brothers, who control the publication of the Morning Telegraph in this city. He was unmarried.

LIBERALS AT VANCOUVER HOLD BIG WARD SMOKER

Vancouver, Dec. 23.—Ward Two Liberal association held the first of a series of smokers it is proposed to hold throughout the winter season last night. The gathering was notable for the enthusiasm prevailing and the entertainment provided. Over 300 attended. M. A. Macdonald, president of the provincial Liberal association; Ralph Smith, president of the Vancouver and district Liberal association; L. D. Taylor, James Conley, Hugh Gilmore, W. B. Farris and Ian Mackenzie delivered stirring addresses. All the speakers with telling effect laid bare the sins of omission and commission of the McBride-Bowser government, the opportunities neglected and the promises broken.

CHICAGO CHRISTMAS POSTAGE IS DOUBLED

Chicago, Dec. 23.—Christmas business at the Chicago post office is nearly double the amount of last year, according to announcement to-day by Postmaster Daniel Campbell. Parcel post packages totalling 635 tons were shipped out last Sunday and Monday as against 327 tons on the corresponding days last year. The figures established a local tonnage record for outgoing packages.

SILVER DISCOVERY ON UPPER STEWART RIVER

Rich Ledge Five Feet Thick and Indications in Many Shafts

Dawson, Y. T., Dec. 10.—(Special Correspondence.)—The new silver discovery in the upper Stewart river basin, known as the Mayo district, may prove another Cobalt. Mushers who have just arrived over the winter trail from Mayo and who have been on the properties of late say that a rich ledge five feet thick is located on the discovery claims, and much other rich loose material is found on the same claims. They also report silver found in shafts several miles in either direction from the discovery claim. One thousand tons of the silver ore are being hauled to Mayo Landing this winter for shipment to the smelter by steamer as soon as the river opens.

Elder Middlecof, just from the upper Stewart country, says: "The greatest activity just now in the upper Stewart country is in connection with the development of silver properties. McWhorter has a shaft down 100 feet, and has a ledge there four to five feet wide of finest galena. Grant Hoffman and I visited the place and saw the ledge, and it certainly is a most encouraging proposition. McWhorter is planning to ship at least a thousand tons. Teams which will haul the material to the landing arrived at Mayo and are ready to begin work. It is 30 miles or thereabouts from the workings to the landing.

McWhorter has 15 miles of good road over which to haul his ore to the landing, but for 15 miles or so on the remainder of the road much more good work could be done to advantage another season. The placer creeks, including Highest, Duncan and Haggerman, also continue to produce. And it will be no mistake to follow the road work in that region.

McWhorter found ruby silver and silver oxyde, which make a splendid proposition. At first he thought the material was waste and now it is proving rich.

"Prospectors are finding the silver on extensions several miles away. George Cressfield and Dave Robinson have struck a ledge twelve inches wide with fine walls eight miles north of McWhorter. They have silver and lead, possibly mostly lead, but a promising proposition.

"Five miles south of McWhorter another outfit has struck the silver lead, it is reported, running several hundred dollars to the ton.

"In a quiet way prospectors are erecting cabins along the belt and there will be quite a little work in the district this winter. Were this property closer to Dawson it would be exploited extensively, and if it were in Alaska or Colorado they would have a town there by this time, but the boys are going at it carefully and conservatively and the promises are splendid.

"McWhorter has a steam engine and a hoist at this place for lifting the material. He has several men working taking out the ore, and is there in charge of the job. If the vein widens as the shaft deepens he may have a phenomenally rich property. Men working on quartz on Dublin the last few years are enthusiastic. The Olive is to be prospected. A man arrived there a few days ago to renew the work.

BURGLAR KILLS RICH LOS ANGELES RESIDENT

Son is Shot, Daughter Attacks Robber, Beating Him With Hair Brush.

Los Angeles, Dec. 22.—William Montrose Alexander, formerly of Dallas, Texas, said to be a millionaire, was shot and killed early to-day by one of two burglarls whom he discovered in his home. William M. Alexander, jr., endeavoring to go to the aid of his father, was shot in the right breast. A bullet also tore off the index finger of his left hand.

Miss Penelope Alexander, one of the daughters, heard the shots fired by her brother and rushed to his aid. With a silver-backed hair brush she beat the burglar upon the head while he struggled to free himself from the grasp of her wounded brother. The burglar finally broke away from young Alexander and his sister and escaped.

Mr. Alexander, sr., practiced law in Dallas twenty years. He removed to Washington, D. C., three years ago, where his daughters Penelope and Louise attended school. The family spent last year in Europe and had occupied their home here but a week. Physicians say young Alexander is not seriously wounded.

ANGORA GOAT RANCH STOCKED AT ABERDEEN

Aberdeen, Wash., Dec. 23.—Four carloads of Angora goats, 900 in all, reached Montesano yesterday. They will be placed on a four-hundred-acre tract of land six miles east of Aberdeen, owned by Byron Forbes, who came here from Dwyer, N. M., to experiment with Angora goat raising on Grays Harbor.

TORONTO MAYORAL CANDIDATES

Toronto, Dec. 23.—Thos. L. Church, lawyer, and J. O. McCarthy, insurance broker, were nominated for mayor this morning. There were seven nominations for controllers.

BEANS FOR TROOPS.

London, Dec. 23.—Sir Hiram Maxim has sent five tons of baked pork and beans as a Christmas gift to the Canadians at Salisbury

LAURIER SAYS WAR IS AGAINST BARBARISM

Great Canadian Says There Can Be Only One End; Exhaustion of Germany

London, Dec. 22.—Sir Gilbert Parker sends to the Daily News to-day a letter which he has received from Sir Wilfrid Laurier, in which he says, "Public sentiment in the United States is even stronger for the allies than you in Europe are aware, and even more than is attested in the events which you have summarized in the reports.

"You are familiar with the American papers, but the way in which the Evening Post, in particular, is handling the sophistry of German professors is masterful. How could it be otherwise? It is simply absurd, if not absolutely insane in view of the works of Bernhardi and the speeches of the kaiser, and of the German professors, for them to make us believe that they were not aggressors, when even to-day, in every line they publish, they assert they are the strongest race in the world and that it is for the world's benefit that they should rule it.

"For my part I am satisfied with the progress that has been made so far by the allies. There have been no great successes on either side, and the beginning was rather discouraging for us, but the result seems to me to be absolutely beyond doubt. It is averred that the losses of the Germans have been at least twice as large as the losses of the allies. Let the war progress in that way for two years and the result will not be simply a victory but a complete exhaustion of Germany, as the south was exhausted after the civil war in the United States.

"This is the aim to which we must all look forward. I am surprised at my own sentiments, but this is a contest between civilization and barbarism. There is no alternative," writes Sir Wilfrid.

"This declaration," says the Daily News, "is more impressive coming from a statesman who has been associated all his life with working for peace."

SCOTT AND HILL ARE TO TALK OVER PEACE

Naco, Ariz., Dec. 23.—The postponed peace conference between Brigadier-General Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff of the United States army, and General Benjamin Hill, commanding the Carranza garrison defending Naco, Sonora, against the siege of Governor Maytorena, the Villa leader, probably will be held to-day in the abandoned United States customs house close to the border on the American side. Rain, which has fallen since Saturday, ceased early to-day. A river formed by the wash from the army camp which yesterday isolated General Scott and caused postponement of the conference with Hill, receded last night. Two army mules were drowned in the water course yesterday while attempting to ford it.

An effort will be made to-night by General Scott to arrange a meeting with Maytorena. The appointment for a meeting at the border four miles east of here Monday was not kept by Maytorena because the ground separating his camp from the border was impassible. Light firing by both the Hill and Maytorena forces was carried on late last night and early to-day. An occasional bullet crossed to the American side.

SLINGSBY HEARING IN LONDON IS ADJOURNED

London, Dec. 23.—At the resumption of the hearing in the suit brought by Lieut. Slingsby, of San Francisco, to establish the legitimacy of a child whom he claimed as his son, the evidence of District Attorney Fickert, of San Francisco, was read. It included a letter to Mrs. Slingsby urging her to go to San Francisco and establish the legitimacy of her child. If she was able to prove that she had not written the advertisement for a child to adopt, he said, the case against her would fail.

The hearing was adjourned until the next term, the judge remarking that he would probably reserve judgment owing to the necessity for examining many documents and to discriminate between witnesses who had testified to Mrs. Slingsby being the woman who wanted to adopt a child and others who had sworn that she was not the woman.

CHARGED WITH CRIME ATTEMPTED SUICIDE

Portland, Ore., Dec. 23.—Joseph Wagner, the Sacramento youth who yesterday attempted suicide by taking poison after he had been arrested here for robbing his former employer, was still in a serious condition to-day, but physicians believed he would recover.

Wagner is said to have confessed to robbing the Vienna Bakery safe at Sacramento of $1,543.60 in cash and $200 in jewelry.

FRENCH HOSPITALS HOLD SPLENDID RECORD IN WAR

Paris, Dec. 23.—Of nearly 500,000 wounded soldiers treated in French hospitals between September 15 and November 30, less than 2½ per cent. died.

HALL RENOMINATED.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 23.—President Wilson to-day renominated Henry Clay Hall, of Colorado Springs, Colo., to be interstate commerce commissioner.

Among every 1,000 bachelors there are 36 criminals, while among married men the ratio is only 18 per 1,000.

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Real Armenian Lace-Edged Handkerchiefs, very narrow edgings, 75c, 50c and ..... 35¢
Better quality, with drawn thread and Armenian lace edge, $1.75, $1.25 and ... 90¢
Dainty Embroidered Lawn Handkerchiefs, dozens of pretty designs. Three for 25c; each ..... 10¢
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Infants' Mitts, 15c, 20c, 25c, 30c, 35c, 40c, 75c and ..... 90¢
Infants' Woolen Jackets, 65c, 75c, 90c, $1.25, $1.50, $1.75 and $2.25
Infants' Wool Overalls, with and without feet, 60c, 75c ..... 90¢
Infants' Puff Boxes, 30c, 35c ..... 40¢
Brushes, 35c ..... 50¢
Puffs ..... 15¢
Infants' Bonnets, in wool and silk, range in price from 65c to $2.75
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Novelties in Dainty New Neckwear, in sheer organdie, shadow lace, pique, daintily embroidered and trimmed with lace, velvet and flowers, showing the new effect in colors and vestee combined. Prices, 50c, 75c, 90c, $1.00, $1.25 to $2.50
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Knitted Silk Mufflers, in greys, browns, purple, emerald, white, black, tango, navy, sky, rose, yellow. Prices, 50c, 75c, 90c, $1.00, $1.75 to $4.75
Jaeger Wool Scarves and Mufflers, in white, grey, lovat, saxe, green, purple and amethyst, $1.00 and $1.25

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Novelty Umbrella, with cord wristlets, in navy, purple, green, brown, grey. Regular $4.75; special $4.25

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Beveled-Edge Mirrors, round and oval, with long and ring handles, 30c, 50c, 75c, $1.25, $1.50, $1.75 ..... $2.25
Cloth Brushes $1.75
Hat Brushes, 50c and $1.50
Dresser Trays, in round, oblong and fancy shapes, 20c, 25c, 35c, 50c, 75c and $1.00
Jewel and Trinket Boxes, round, with beveled glass top, 50c and ..... 65¢
Hair Brushes, $2.25 ..... $2.50

Why Not a Marabout or Scarf?

Marabout Stoles, in black, natural, sky, white, pink, navy, amethyst and fancy colorings; assorted prices ranging from $3.75, $4.75, $5.90, $6.75, $7.75 to $12.50
Marabout Muffs to match stoles. Prices $3.75, $6.75, $8.50 to $11.00
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Perrin's Best French Kid Gloves, in black, white and all colors. Per pair $1.25
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Dent's Superior Real Cape Gloves, red or self stitching. Per pair $1.50
Dent's Best Grade of Real Mocha Gloves, soft as velvet; brown or dark grey. Per pair $1.50
Real Mocha Gloves, with fine silk linings; browns and dark greys; $2.25 and $1.75
Dent's Natural Chamois Washing Gloves, with one pearl dome. Per pair $1.25
Wool-Lined Kid Gloves, in rich tans; seamless lining. Per pair $1.50
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THE WAR.

Dispatches report the movement of important bodies of German troops to the west, but we doubt if they are from the eastern front. The issue in Poland is too vital to permit of any weakening of the Teutonic forces there, and the reinforcements received in the west, therefore, must be hastily organized bodies of new men. The Kaiser, recovered from his recent indisposition, is believed to be at some point in the west, and we may expect in consequence a renewal of the offensive in the Argonne, in Northern France, and possibly in Flanders.

The French bulletin to-day speaks of slight gains by the allies along the Belgian coast, and more or less important progress in Northern France and the Argonne, at one point almost half a mile of the enemy's ground being covered. It is now a commonplace that the allies regain ground lost by them in a German counter-attack. A particular instance of this is afforded by the fate of a village near Labassee. It was captured by the British ten days ago; retaken by the Germans and now it is again held by the allies.

The campaign in Poland is moving slowly to its climax. The Germans and Austrians are endeavoring to penetrate the Russian line now straightened out between the junction of the Bzura with the Vistula and the Carpathians. The Germans succeeded in crossing the Bzura below Sochaczow, but were hurled back upon the river with heavy losses. A similar attempt by the Austro-Germans on the Nida river met with like result, while in the Carpathians the Austrians have been stopped on the east and west line from Grybow to Sanok. The Russians still maintain a foothold in Hungary, between the Ung and Latorza rivers and south of Ungvar. This is a most important field of operations, being on the railroad line which connects Lemberg with Budapest. The Russians entered through the Stryi pass, and the movement has no direct relation to what is transpiring in Poland. If Roumania enters the field those forces will operate in conjunction with the armies of Roumanians and Servians, who will invade Hungary from the south. Thus Hungary will be assailed from three directions.

Although the Germans are able to gain ground at various points east of Lodz, their difficulties and losses become greater as they push towards Warsaw. They are drawing farther away from their railroads and nearer to Russian reinforcements which are now being rushed to the scene, not from other parts of the front, but from the interior lines where the reserves are massed. Russia, by driving the Germans on the north back to East Prussia, now controls all of northern Poland, and has thrown a wedge between the two sections of the German forces. It is anticipated that she will endeavor to cross the Vistula and strike at the rear of the German centre. The situation is growing very interesting. This time, should the Grand Duke spring a surprise flank attack upon von Hindenburg, the German defeat would be overwhelming owing to the disposition of the armies.

CHRISTMASTIDE.

Some of our advertisers, and doubtless some of our readers, are anxious to know whether the Times will be issued on Christmas Day. It will not. And there are good reasons for this decision, notwithstanding the untoward conditions prevailing during the season of goodwill. Practically speaking, there is but one wellspring of news just now, and thirsty readers from all parts of the world are drinking from it. That is situated in the censors' office in London, which will be closed on Christmas Day. Probably the hard-worked officials of this department need a day of rest; perhaps they think that 24 hours' abstinence from the daily menu of exciting news from the front and other places may have a tonic effect upon the public mind. In any case, there is the fact; and however anxious we may be to furnish our readers with the news they all anxiously crave, we cannot do it. Not even a bulletin will be permitted to come over the wires, consequently the people of this part of the world will be left in a state of mind which ought to be in harmony with the traditions of Christmastide. For the reasons we have stated all the London and British provincial newspapers also have decided to suspend publication during Christmas Day. Doubtless the members of the government, the census officials, and all concerned directly and indirectly in the war, feel that there are trying times ahead, possibly days of gloom and anxiety, notwithstanding perfect assurance of the ultimate triumph of justice, truth and righteousness. Such being the case, it may be that they desire the people of the Empire to forget everything else for the time being and enjoy a merry Christmas. That is the right attitude of mind, and we hope all readers of the Times—who include practically all Victorians—will adopt it. We might as well give point to this advice by wishing all our friends (including our very few critics) the compliments of the season.

MOMENTOUS ANNOUNCEMENT.

The announcement of the Bulgarian minister to Petrograd yesterday that his country had reached an agreement with Roumania by which that formidable state undertook to surrender the province on the Black Sea ceded by Czar Ferdinand under pressure in the closing stages of the Balkan war, was the most important news of the day. Following the guarantees of immunity from attack by Bulgaria given to Roumania and Greece by Great Britain, France and Russia, should they take up arms against the Dual Alliance and Turkey, it presages the early participation of both countries in the struggle. The Bulgarian ministers plous expression of opinion that Roumania, like Bulgaria, probably would remain neutral, is merely a little diplomatic subterfuge intended for German and Austrian consumption, for it is obvious that Roumania never would have agreed to surrender the province of Dobrudja without some important concession on the part of Bulgaria, and that concession could be nothing less than the assurance that Roumania would not be attacked by her southern neighbor if she declared war upon Austria.

It is clear also that the influence of Great Britain, France and Russia at Sofia and Bucharest has won the day. Later it may be equally effective at Belgrade and Athens. Bulgaria is in the bargaining mood, and her minister also announces that she would assist in the reconstruction of the Balkan League if Servia and Greece would restore those portions of Macedonia they took from her in 1912. This announcement also is sugar-coated with the declaration of neutral intentions and friendship for Turkey—for German and Austrian consumption—but what it actually means is that if Servia and Greece would be as generous as Roumania has been, not only would Bulgaria help to reorganize the Balkan League, but would assail Turkey from the rear, with Adrianople as her immediate objective. This may be gathered from the smug declaration of friendship for Turkey and the amusing afterthought that Bulgaria did not desire Adrianople. If there is one thing in this world that Bulgaria covets, and has coveted for centuries, it is Adrianople. The pages of history tell us why this is so.

But in any event Bulgaria, for the time being, will remain neutral. Thus Roumania is at perfect liberty to enter upon a war with Austria for the occupation of Transylvania. She has an army of 750,000 men, well led and excellently equipped. While she could not use all this force in the fighting line, there is no doubt that forward action by her in conjunction with the army of Servia, flushed with its recent victory, would bring the Dual Monarchy to a speedy end. Not only would Roumanian intervention provide Servia with a powerful ally, but it would give Russian troops an opportunity to operate against Austria-Hungary from the south as far as the Adriatic, for Roumania, Servia and Montenegro adjoin one another. Such a menace would compel Austria to withdraw her soldiers now fighting with the Germans in Poland and Galicia, thereby clearing the way for the Russian movement upon Cracow and the invasion of Silesia. The alternative to this would be the certain loss of Hungary, for that kingdom either would have to declare its independence and negotiate a separate treaty of peace or be conquered by the invaders.

Bulgaria's attitude in driving a hard bargain for her neutrality is not as contemptible as it seems to be at first blush. Roumania adopted a similar course while her sister states were fighting Turkey, and when Servia and Greece and Montenegro turned upon Bulgaria and tore from her the greater part of Macedonia and Thrace, occupied by her soldiers, and Turkey came back and reoccupied Adrianople, she invaded Dobrudja and held it. The two Balkan wars cost Bulgaria 150,000 lives, and her reward was wholly disproportionate to her sacrifices and the valor of her soldiers. Her grievance is against both warring houses, but nevertheless no Bulgar would sit idly by and behold the crushing of the other Balkan states by Germany, Austria and Turkey. It was Russia that saved Bulgaria from the Turk thirty-six years ago; and has saved her many times since.

HE ALWAYS WANTED IT.

Andrew Carnegie, still tingling with the joy his last hand-shake with the Kaiser gave him, declares that the German emperor should not be blamed for the war. In November of last year Jules Cambon, the French ambassador to Germany, sent to his government a dispatch whose reproduction just now throws a great white light upon the amiable, gentle head of the Teutonic combination. It records a conversation Wilhelm and von Moltke had with the King of the Belgians, in which the German emperor said "he had come to think that war with France was inevitable," while von Moltke declared that "the time must come to settle the business once and for all." The object was to win by fear or favor the Belgian ruler. The result was that King Albert, as the world now knows, hurriedly returned to his capital, convened his ministry, and began preparations for the defence of his country. How well those preparations were carried out has been shown in the magnificent resistance offered by the Belgians from Liege to the Yser. This dispatch shows, therefore, that the German emperor and his chief of staff were bent upon war in November, 1913. Nor was this determination new, for in May, 1913, von Moltke said, "We must begin war without waiting, in order brutally to crush all resistance." As the dispatches describing these conversations were sent long before the conflict broke out they are conclusive. The Kaiser wanted war, and in this he was in harmony with the blood-thirsty gang of which von Moltke was the chief. The fact that that soldier has been disgraced is not an uninteresting sequel. Wilhelm's turn will come in good time.

DEFERRED LAND PAYMENTS.

Interviewed upon his return from the interior, the Minister of Lands said that there were owing to the government $8,000,000 or $9,000,000 as deferred payments on land purchases, and it (the government) had been criticized for not taking the purchasers by the throat and making them pay. At the last session of the house legislation had been passed providing for payment in four instalments, the first of which was due this year, but in view of the war he did not know whether much would accrue from this source. "However," the report of the interview says, "if the holders of the lands on which money was due did not pay, he, personally, would say 'let them forfeit them to the crown.' Government policy did not stipulate this, but these were his personal feelings."

Mr. Ross does not agree with the Premier and Attorney-General on the amount owing to the government on land purchases. Their figure is $13,000,000. As neither the principal nor interest has been collected in the meantime, certainly not to an appreciable extent, we must assume that the minister was speaking carelessly. Neither the Premier nor the Attorney-General would overstate the situation, though it must be confessed in regard to the latter that this is not often the case. It is obvious, too, that the war has nothing to do with the non-payment by purchasers, for it was last year that the $13,000,000 was declared to be due the government.

But if Mr. Ross is anxious to compel the holders of the land to pay or forfeit their holdings to the crown, why does he not take the necessary steps to bring it about? Who is standing in the way? His remark leads to no other conclusion than that he would act in the public interest in this matter, but that the responsibility for his inability to do so rests with his colleagues. Is the Attorney-General the main obstacle? Last winter he objected to the proposal on the ground that it would cause a "financial panic," while the government was issuing treasury notes in London to meet emergency demands, following which a loan of $10,000,000 was authorized by the legislature. The solicitors of some of the land companies interested were that well-known firm of many ramifications, Bowser, Reid & Wallbridge. Is that circumstance standing in the way of Mr. Ross's excellent intentions?

The Kaiser has reached Cologne on his way to the western battlefront. We fear his majesty may not be in such a frame of mind as to enjoy thoroughly the benign Christmas season. By the way, we wonder whether he instructed any of the members of the royal household to hang up his royal stocking before leaving for the scene of carnage for which he is chiefly responsible.

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The premier of France delivered an inspiring speech yesterday to the members of the Chamber of Deputies. After reading it the German war lords will appreciate the impossibility of arranging separate terms of peace with France. They have appealed to blood and iron. Peace will be concluded in terms of blood and iron, and we think we know who will be the dictators.

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TO THE BITTER END.

(A Word With the War-Lord.)

A rumor comes from Rome (where rumors breed)
That you are sick of taking blow on blow,
And would inter with all convenient speed
The hatchet wielded by your largest foe.

Is it the shadow Christmas casts before
That makes the iron of your soul unbend,
And melt in prayer for this unholy war
(Meaning the part that pinches most) to end?

Is it your fear to mark at that high feast
The writing on the wall that seals your fate,
And, where the Christ-star watches in the east,
To hear the guns that thunder at your gate?

For on your heart no Christmas Peace can fall.
The chimes shall be a tocsin, and the red
Glow of the Yule-wood embers shall recall
A myriad smouldering pyres of murdered dead.

And anguish, wailing to the wintry skies,
Shall with its dirges drown the sacred hymn,
And round your royal hearth the curse shall rise
Of lowly hearths laid waste to suit your whim.

And you shall think on altars left forlorn,
On temple-aisles made desolate at your nod,
Where never a white-robed choir this holy morn
Shall chant their greeting to the Birth of God.

Peace? There is none for you, nor can be none;
For still shall Memory, like a fetid breath,
Poison your life-days while the slow hours run,
Till it be stifled in the dust of Death.

—O. S. in Punch.

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NEED OF BELGIUM.

New York Press.

Before the people of this country is a double duty towards the suffering in Belgium and the hardships that face the unemployed at home. There are 7,000,000 war-wrecked Belgians, with many thousands of them starving. Dispatches from the American relief commission in Belgium tells us that a million and a half of people are now dependent upon soup kitchens for daily sustenance. A bread-line of a few hundred in our cities stirs all hearts. What would be the answer if we could see with our own eyes hundreds of thousands standing for hours to get the bare necessaries of life? Those able to give must make the necessary sacrifice and give both here and in Belgium.

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KING ALBERT'S PLACE.

Westminster Gazette.

Never has a foreign ruler held such a place in the affection of the British people as does King Albert Leopold to-day. He has the satisfaction of knowing that though the majority of his people must celebrate his fete in alien, if friendly, countries, every day that passes seems to make more sure the early freeing of Belgium from the invader, and that he and his consort will have the task of guiding the work of restoring the country to its former prosperity after having helped to win for it an enduring fame.

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HEALTH OF THE TROOPS.

London Times.

All the evidence goes to show that disease has not yet become a weighty factor in the war. Illness there must be, as a matter of course, and probably there is a good deal of it in the aggregate. Among such vast bodies of men, even though they are of picked age and physique, illness of different kinds is inevitable; but it has evidently not got beyond control, and we may assume that the means of dealing with it are fully adequate.

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—First Floor

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Men's $15.00 and $18.00 Smoking Jackets for $9.75

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Suede and Fancy Leather Collar Boxes, each $2.00 to $1.00
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Fine Dress Kid Gloves, silk lined, regular $2.50 value for, pair.....$2.00
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—Main Floor

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Woolen Coatees, from 60c to.....$1.35
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—First Floor

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Corsets—First Floor

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Regular $5.00 values for $3.50
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Seasonable Questions.—Why not make your wife a Christmas present of that life insurance policy which your conscience has been telling you that you should have given her long ago? Is it fair to compel her to take a risk on your life that you refuse to take on your house? Cut out some of the luxuries and substitute the prime protection of every home—A Great-West Life policy. At least drop in to 109 Union Bank building and talk the matter over with us. •

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Social and Dance.—The Gaelic society will hold their monthly social and dance in the Foresters' hall, Thursday at 9 p. m. Miss Shearer champion dancer of the Pacific coast and others will take part. Gents, 50c; ladies please bring refreshments. Members are requested to attend sharp at 7.30 to elect officers for the ensuing term. •

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Bank Clearings.—Bank clearings in Victoria for the week ending yesterday were $1,493,628.

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Donation to Orphanage.—The sum of $125 has been donated by the members of Vancouver Quadra lodge, A. F. and A. M., towards the B. C. Protestant Orphans' Home.

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Organ Improved. — A very fine Gamba Reed stop has been added to the St. Barnabas church organ and will be in use at the Christmas Day services. The work has been done by the local organ builder, A. Fosness.

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Entertain Old Men. — The Junior league of the Metropolitan Methodist church on Saturday last met at the Old Men's Home and entertained the inmates, each old man being presented with a box of candies by the visitors, who extended the compliments of the season.

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Give Orphanage $100.—As the result of the recent entertainment held in the high school in aid of the Protestant Orphanage, E. Howard Russell has been enabled to give that institution the sum of $100. The committee which had the management of the entertainment has expressed gratitude to Mrs. Macdonald Fahey and others who assisted in making the affair a success.

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This Week's "Sunshine."—The issue of Sunshine, the Rotary Club organ, for this week contains a sketch of the inspiring career of one of the "live wires" of the club, Jesse M. Warren, with a portrait. There is a statement of the attendances at the luncheons during the year, James Adam and W. H. P. Sweeney heading the list with one hundred per cent. each to their credit. There were possible during the year 3,737 attendances, and as there were 2,585 this shows a percentage of 69.17 of the possible. Not many clubs could equal these figures, which display a pretty healthy interest on the part of the membership.

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Hampers for Needy.—As a result of the Christmas hamper entertainment at the old Victoria theatre on Monday evening the executive of the Affiliated Friendly Societies' association has been enabled to fill forty hampers to send to families who are in need of help. The hampers each contained an order for meat, five bread tickets, one pound of New Zealand butter, one pound of Jameson's tea, two pounds of B. & K. rolled oats, three pounds of Mount Royal rice, five pounds of B. C. sugar, and one pound of seeded raisins. New Year hampers are already being planned, Benedict Bantly among others having promised to give his assistance. This will be through a concert to be held on Sunday next at the Princess theatre.

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Devoting Time to Troops.—Rev. Dr. Campbell, who since the opening of the little Presbyterian church on Erskine road has taken charge of the services there, last Sunday informed his congregation that he was resigning his pastorate and intended devoting all his time and energies to the work involved in his office as chaplain to the 50th Gordon Highlanders. This office he has held since the regiment was formed, and since the outbreak of war in August he has held services for the men each Sunday morning at the Willows camp. This has meant a rather strenuous day, and he is, therefore, giving up the work at Erskine church early in January and will devote his undivided time to the work among the troops. Dr. Campbell has four sons now with the army, one having gone to Salisbury Plains with the first Canadian contingent.

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TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TO-DAY

Victoria Times, December 23, 1889.

The reported promotion of Mr. A. R. Milne, of the Customs House, to the position of Collector, vice Collector Hamley, superannuated, has been confirmed from Ottawa, and the new collector will enter upon the duties of his office at the first of the year. Capt. W. Shears has been appointed appraiser, the position held by Mr. Milne.

The new eastern window at Christ Church Cathedral was opened to view yesterday. It is in the perpendicular style of architecture, with head filled with stained and painted glass by Burlison and Gylls, of London, Eng., representing the "Ascension of Our Lord," "Christ's Last Command to his Disciples," "Christ and St. Peter," and "The Descent of the Holy Spirit." The window has been erected by Bishop Hills as a memorial to Mrs. Hills. Mr. G. C. Mesher executed the builders' work under the direction of Mr. T. C. Sorby.

In answer to a call for $20,000 for the new Methodist church, $18,921 has been subscribed.

Sugar Pigs.—A Xmas novelty and made in Victoria, 10c each. Our special for Xmas, K. Mixture, 20c per lb. Gold and silver medals guarantees the public quality and excellence. Wiper & Co., The People's Confectioners, 1210 Douglas street. •

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Oak Bay Theatre.—Special holiday attractions are now being displayed at the Oak Bay theatre. Harry Collins has made some extensive bookings and has secured the cream of the film manufacturer's outputs. To-night and to-morrow Pauline Bush, in "A Night of Thrills," will be the added feature. A grand amateur contest will be held to-morrow night, and at this performance a Christmas turkey will be given away to the lucky coupon-holder. Mr. Collins is catering largely for children, and special matinees will be held Christmas afternoon and Saturday afternoon. On Saturday afternoon a fine picture, "The Buccaneer's Fate," will be shown and twenty prizes will be given away. Each child attending will receive a gift of candy as a Christmas memento. The Saturday afternoon matinee at the Oak Bay theatre is easily the most popular attraction for the "kiddies." •

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Many Will See a Turkey this year, through a pair of Frank Clugston's superb glasses. A most acceptable and lasting gift. Optician upstairs at 654 Yates Street (corner Douglas) where the rent is low and prices lower. •

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Patriotic Aid Society.—The Patriotic Aid society's fund has benefited to the extent of $45.45 as the result of the patriotic entertainment given on Friday at Mount Tolmie school by the pupils there. The employees and staff of Sir John Jackson (Canada) Limited have contributed $458.15; the B. C. Electric Railway company, $129.40; and other firms and companies.

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Appoint Committee.—The city council, sitting in committee yesterday afternoon, appointed a committee composed of the mayor and Aldermen Porter, Bell and Dilworth to investigate further the request of the Central Employment and Relief association for an office or store to be rented by the city council, and an officer appointed to receive the registration of those seeking employment and relief.

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Their First Appearance.—Two old gentlemen made their appearance in court this morning after looking on the wine when it was red. Both declared that it was the first time that they had ever been drunk and pleaded the Christmas festivities as an incentive. One told the magistrate he had not touched a drop of liquor for forty years, whereupon the magistrate enjoined him to practice similar abstinence for the same period again. The other was fined $3, his condition last night being described as "blind to the world."

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Rotary Club.—The feature of the Christmas luncheon of the Rotary club, to be held in the Westholme grill on the afternoon of Christmas eve, will be a Christmas tree on which there will be something for all, but in order to enforce the duty of members to get acquainted with each other no one can get a gift off the branches unless he can name the donor. There will be other seasonable features to the event, which is expected to be one of the most successful of the many excellent luncheons the club has held during the year. It will commence sharp at 1 o'clock and the officers wish members to remember this and to be on time.

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Rock Bay Bridge.—The engineering department of the city holds out no hope that the Rock Bay bridge will be open for pedestrians for a considerable time to come. The department of public works at Ottawa wants additional information as to what the council intends to do. If dredging should be carried out, as has been proposed, the opening now existing will have to be widened to admit of the dredge entering the bay. Now that the city has to grant a lease of property abutting on the bay to the Lemon-Gonnason company and the Taylor mill, greater necessity than ever exists for the continuation of navigation through the bridge.

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Invited to Y. W. C. A.—All girls and women in the city who are away from home on Christmas day are given a hearty invitation to attend the Christmas dinner to be given at the Y. W. C. A. at midday, and to remain for the social time which is to follow. There will be a tree in the evening and everyone will be expected to remain until the galeties in connection with this are over. Whether girls receive a direct personal invitation or not they are cordially invited to attend and anyone knowing of a girl who is away from her friends will confer a favor by letting Miss Bradshaw know so that she may send her a special invitation. The choir of St. John's church, which has so often before sung for the girls, will be present on Sunday afternoon, December 27, to sing carols and take part in the service for the girls which is being arranged by the Rev. F. A. P. Chadwick.

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BUSINESS OF COURTS

Two Judges Will Sit Here After New Year to Dispose of Cases Set Down for Trial.

The Christmas vacation begins in the law courts to-day, and finds a number of trials on the list in the supreme court still unheard. Two or three cases recently have taken up more time than was excepted, and this has set back the list considerably.

Chief Justice Hunter, in making his assignments for the members of the court for next month, has provided that there shall be two judges here immediately after the new year to take trials and clear the docket off. All trials that were not disposed of are adjourned over the vacation.

It is likely that Mr. Justice Gregory, who has been judge in chambers and trial judge here for the past couple of months, will take an assignment in Vancouver for January. Supreme court vacation chambers will be held on Tuesday next.

The county court has adjourned until Tuesday next, when chambers will be held at half past ten o'clock, and following this there are three cases set down for hearing in the effort to get the list cleared off before the January term opens.

TO APPROACH FEDERATION

Unemployment Committee Meets; Accuracy of the Times Emphasized.

At a meeting of the unemployment committee of three was appointed to place before the B. C. Federation of Labor at its January convention the necessity of an organization of the unemployed being formed throughout the province, and to ask the federation to undertake the task.

The resolution moved by William Hugh at Sunday's mass meeting, calling for a conference of all bodies interested in the problem of unemployment, was handed over to the mover to bring in a detailed statement at the next meeting.

When the minutes were being adopted considerable discussion took place in reference to a notice in the Times, authorized by the committee, as to treatment of indigent cases, which was followed in the morning paper by a denial of its accuracy over the signature of S. Howland and Matthew Allen, two members of the committee. The meeting on motion accepted the minutes and sustained the action of the chairman and the secretary on having supplied the Times with correct information.

Information Wanted.—Word has been received by the chief of police asking if he can locate William Kennedy, whose last address was the Athletic Club, Victoria. He originally came from St. Thomas, Home, Preston, England, seven years ago, and the last letter received by his relatives four years ago stated that he was just then leaving for the woods. Since that time no trace has been found of him. He is about 22 years old and is a first-class musician. Any information that could be used in tracing him would be gladly received by the chief of police, Victoria.

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Solicitors' Bill.—An application was made in chambers this morning by E. C. Mayers, on behalf of the Canadian Puget Sound Lumber company, in liquidation, for an order of the court directing the legal firm of Eberts & Taylor to surrender certain documents and papers. These are held by the firm by way of lien for an account for solicitors' fees in connection with work done on an application made to the Dominion government under the Navigable Waters' Protection act for the construction of a wharf in Thetis cove by one of its subsidiary companies. Some question arose between Mr. Mayers and G. H. Meredith, of Eberts & Taylor's office, as to the responsibility for the retainer in the matter between the allied concerns, and the application was adjourned until Tuesday next.

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H. Vaton, of South Wellington, is at the Dominion hotel.

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D. Burns, of Vancouver, is registered at the Empress hotel.

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J. McGillivary, of Vancouver, is at the Prince George hotel.

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W. M. Mouat, of Ganges, is registered at the Dominion hotel.

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R. H. Cliburn, of Vancouver, is registered at the Empress hotel.

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A. L. McConnell is a guest at the Empress hotel from Vancouver.

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John Besancon, of Auburn, Wash., is staying at the King Edward hotel.

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Mrs. A. J. Neff, of Shawnigan lake, is registered at the Dominion hotel.

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F. Mason is here from Port Angeles, a guest at the King Edward hotel.

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Mrs. S. M. Weiss, of Duncan, has registered at the Prince George hotel.

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Mrs. C. L. Ford is here from Kamloops, a guest at the Strathcona hotel.

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S. Vickers, of Vancouver, is among the new arrivals at the Empress hotel.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. Olesen, of Seattle, are registered at the Prince George hotel.

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W. C. Ives is in the city from Calgary and is stopping at the Empress hotel.

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N. T. Ellis, of Duncan, is visiting the capital. He is at the Strathcona hotel.

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R. C. Janion is in the city from Vancouver and is staying at the Empress hotel.

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Thomas Parsell is in the city from Vancouver, and is at the King Edward hotel.

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H. Parnell is staying at the Strathcona while in the capital from Rocky Point.

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R. Stewart is at the King Edward hotel, having come across from Vancouver.

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H. F. Weiss is staying at the Prince George hotel while in the city from Duncan.

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W. H. MacConnell is in the city from Somenos, and is staying at the Strathcona hotel.

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Mrs. Sidney Gibb is in the city from Vancouver and is stopping at the Empress hotel.

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D. S. Macdonnell has arrived from Vancouver and is staying at the Empress hotel.

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Miss M. de Bury, of Vancouver, was among the recent arrivals at the Empress hotel.

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A. W. Lee, of Vancouver, is among the mainland guests at the King Edward hotel.

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John Ledingham, of Vancouver, is among the new arrivals at the King Edward hotel.

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J. W. Flaherty is here from Port Angeles, and is registered at the Strathcona hotel.

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Mrs. J. Locke is among the Vancouver residents registered at the Strathcona hotel.

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C. S. Campbell, of Vancouver, is among the guests registered at the Strathcona hotel.

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Mrs. McPherson is staying at the King Edward hotel while in the city from Cobble Hill.

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H. A. Hughes is a Vancouver visitor in the capital. He is registered at the King Edward hotel.

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C. R. Armstrong, of Oakland, Cal., is in the city, and is registered at the King Edward hotel.

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S. O. Brien arrived in the city yesterday from Seattle and is registered at the Empress hotel.

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R. N. Mathers, of Vancouver, is among the mainland guests registered at the Empress hotel.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Frazer, of Chemainus, are among those staying at the King Edward hotel.

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Mr. and Mrs. Gore Langton are in the city from Cobble Hill and are stopping at the Empress hotel.

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Mr. and Mrs. Hammond arrived here yesterday from London, Eng., and are registered at the Empress hotel.

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Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Savage, of Duncan, arrived in town yesterday and are staying at the Dominion hotel.

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Hon. Thomas Taylor, minister of public works and railways, has returned to the city from a short visit to his constituency, Revelstoke.

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Port Alberni is well represented at the Dominion hotel, the following having registered there yesterday: J. Huddart, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Stevens; J. R. Thompson and W. Fenton Wingate.

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Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Smith, Harry Harvey, D. C. Harvey, F. McRae, C. F. Bunker, Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Rollins, Miss P. Moore and James and John Moore, all of Vancouver, are staying at the Dominion hotel.

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Several visitors from the prairies are staying at the Dominion hotel, amongst them being Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Rush, of Swift Current; S. McNeilly, of High River; W. H. Gordon, of Regina and Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Pearson and family, of Edmonton.

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A Special Table d'Hote Dinner will be served, $1.50, 6 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.

REGIMENTAL BALL.

Interesting Programme Has Been Arranged for Gordon Highlanders' Ball on December 30.

The following is the programme of the dances for the first annual sergeants' ball of the 50th Gordon Highlanders of Canada, to be held in the Alexandra hall on the evening of December 30. Commencing with the grand march, to be led off by his honor the lieutenant-governor and Mrs. Coy, and Lieut.-Col. Coy and Mrs. Barnard, the other numbers will be Two-step, waltz, three-step, Highland schottische, waltz, quadrille, two-step, waltz, three-step, Scotch reel, two-step, waltz, schottische (common), quadrille, three-step, Highland schottische, two-step, waltz, valetta, reel and home waltz. There will be five extras in the supper interval. Tickets for the ball may be procured from Sergt.-Major Stewart or Arm.-Sergt. Wishart, 50th Regiment headquarters, Fort street.

AT THE THEATRES

A GOOD PICTURE.

This evening will be the last chance to witness the production of "The Virginian," with Dustin Farnum in the star role, which is running at the Royal Victoria theatre. This film and subject are of more than ordinary merit and are well worthy of a visit.

There is also being shown a very good comic film, entitled "The Scarecrow and the Chaperone." As a special attraction to the children the management will give a small Christmas present to every one of them who visit the matinees this week. There will be three performances a day, the matinees starting at 3 and the two evening performances at 7.30 and 9.

A FINE PROGRAMME.

The great interest that was aroused at the Majestic theatre last Wednesday and Thursday at the showing of the ninth of "The Beloved Adventurer" series will be more than renewed to-day and to-morrow when the tenth part of this famous series is depicted on the screen of this well known playhouse. "Lord Cecil Keeps His Word" is the heading of this much-heralded visualization and many and varied are the plots and counter plots brought to the notice of the spectator. A couple of unusual comedies are worked into the bill as well as a number of other unexcelled photoplays, the whole making an excellent entertainment. Some special new music has been provided by the management, which, played on the fine organ of the Majestic theatre should prove to be a great attraction to the lovers of good music.

WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 23.—5 a. m.—The barometer is again rising over this province, and fair, cold weather may again prevail, while on the California coast an ocean storm area is causing stormy weather. Zero temperatures are general from Saskatchewan eastward to Ontario, and frosts continue southward to Texas.

Forecasts.

For 36 hours ending 5 p. m. Thursday.

Victoria and vicinity—Light to moderate winds, mostly northerly and easterly, generally fair and cold.

Lower Mainland—Light to moderate winds, generally fair and cold.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 30.27; temperature, maximum yesterday, 42; minimum, 29; wind, 8 miles N.; weather, fair.

Vancouver—Barometer, 30.26; temperature, maximum yesterday, 38; minimum, 36; wind, calm; rain, .02; weather, cloudy.

Kamloops—Barometer, 30.26; temperature, maximum yesterday, 22; minimum, 18; wind, calm; weather, clear.

Tatoosh—Barometer, 30.24; temperature, maximum yesterday, 46; minimum, 42; wind, 12 miles E.; rain, .01; weather, cloudy.

Portland, Ore.—Barometer, 30.28; temperature, maximum yesterday, 34; minimum, 24; wind, 4 miles S. E.; weather, clear.

Seattle—Barometer, 30.28; temperature, maximum yesterday, 38; minimum, 34; wind, 4 miles E.; weather, clear.

Prince Rupert—Barometer, 30.10; temperature, maximum yesterday, 46; minimum, 40; wind, calm; rain, 1.50; weather, cloudy.

Temperature.

	Max.	Min.
Penticton	25	..
Nelson	24	..
Barkerville	28	..
Calgary	22	18
Edmonton	8	—2
Prince Albert	—14	—28
Winnipeg	—4	—26
Toronto	22	..
Ottawa	24	..
Montreal	24	..
St. John	32	..
Halifax	30	..

Victoria Daily Weather.

Observations taken 5 a. m., noon and 5 p. m., Tuesday:

Temperature.

Highest	42.0
Lowest	37.0
Average	39.5

General state of weather, cloudy.

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All For the Best.—Crawford—"I see that the world's supply of drugs is being imperilled by the war." Crabshaw—"Don't worry. Perhaps Nature will get a chance to cure us."

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Boxed For Presentation

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Satin Petticoats

At $1.50, $1.95 and $2.95

These Petticoats come in three grades of satin, and are made on strictly fashion lines, and are finished with pleated frill, shown in a magnificent range of colors. These make useful gifts.

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A complete range of Gloves for day, also evening wear, in kid silk or fabrics.

1-dome Pique Tan Nappa. Useful Winter Glove, **$1.00** per pair.

2-dome White Chamois. Special sale, **95¢** per pair.

2-dome Kid Gloves in grey, tan and white, with self and black points, **$1.25** per pair.

Tan Cape Glove, suitable for driving; **$1.25** and **$1.50** per pair.

12-button length Mousquitaire White Kid, **$2.75** per pair.

Trefousse's Shelbourne French Kid Gloves, **$1.75** per pair, in self and black stitching; all shades.

Needlework Department

Sale of Hand-Embroidered Pieces.

Pillows—$8.00 values for **$5.00**
$12.00 values, for **$7.00**
$15.00 values, for **$9.00**
$10.00 values, for **$6.00**

Macrame Pillows, $20.00 values, for **$10.00**
$12.50 value, for **$7.00**

Macrame Table Centre, values $25.00, now **$12.50**
Macrame Curtains, value $60.00, now **$35.00**
Cut Work Scarf, value $27.50, now **$14.00**
Embroidered Scarf, value $15.00, now **$9.00**
Embroidered Scarf, value $8.00, now **$6.00**
Embroidered Dresser Scarf, value $16.50, now **$10**

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SAANICH FARMERS

Successful Year of Endeavor by Institute of District; Officers Elected for Coming Twelve Months.

The reports presented and the addresses made at the second annual meeting of the South Saanich Farmers' Institute demonstrated the activity and usefulness of that body, and it enters upon its third year with a continued excellent corps of officers and with a well-defined programme of work.

The officers for 1915 are: President, George Stewart; vice-president, Wm. Michel; secretary-treasurer, Philip Holloway; directors, P. T. Lemon, M. Dean, J. T. Harrison, Colin A. Chisholm and H. Laurie; auditors, A. R. Colby and H. A. Tanner.

The president reviewed what had been accomplished during the past year and outlined what might be done in the year that is ahead.

A paper on the advancement of agriculture was read by the secretary, one suggestion in which created a great deal of interest. This was that the surest way to advance the farming industry in the province was to admit a limited number of Asiatics for land-clearing purposes only. This provoked an animated discussion, which was adjourned until the January meeting.

Dr. W. Gordon Cumming, Sidney, gave a valuable talk on political economy as affecting the position and business of the farmer, and spoke of the need for them to act together in the direction of obtaining changes in conditions which would be of advantage to them and to the country at large.

The report of the treasurer on the finances of the year 1914 showed that the receipts had been $721.85 and the expenditures $680.10, leaving a balance on hand of $41.75.

MISSIONARY SPEAKS TO AMBULANCE CORPS

Work Point Barracks Audience Listens to Interesting Story by Father Andrews

Members of the Ambulance Corps which anticipates leaving Victoria shortly for the front in command of Captain Anderson, constituted a large part of the audience which met last evening at the Fives Court, Work Point barracks, to hear the address given by Father Andrews, of Abushiri, Japan. The story of his work in that mission field of the Flowery Kingdom was most entertainingly told, a procession of beautiful hand-colored lantern slides being used to illustrate much of his description of the peoples, customs, architecture and topography of the country. The Rev. E. G. Miller operated the lantern. Among those who were present and listened with interest to the narrative were Hon. H. E. Young and Mrs. Young, and the Rev. F. H. Fatt.

As on the occasion of his Monday lecture, Father Andrews explained his purpose in coming to this country at the present time to collect funds for the carrying on of the Japanese community work which he has undertaken. In Victoria he had been fortunate in finding friends sympathetic and interested in the work, and his collections had been gratifying. His Monday afternoon meeting has resulted in more than $100 being collected, and the following morning he had received from one contributor the sum of $100 in gold. Last evening's collection, it should be remarked, totalled over $27, of which amount $15 was contributed by one person alone.

He was, said the lecturer, exactly like any other missionary with the exception that he had no salary. And touchingly he told how his playmate and friend, a Japanese boy, in bidding him goodbye when he was sent away to school in America and England, made him promise to return to Japan and teach "his people" about Jesus. This promise he had intended to keep, even before he was fired by the example set by St. Francis, whose life he read after he was ordained for the ministry in England. So now he was fulfilling his pledge made many years ago to a boy friend who died shortly after the promise was given.

Many charming glimpses of the country were given, including some of the Buddhist temples, with the long flight of steps leading thereto by the ascent of which the worshippers attained merit; the sacred mountain of Fujiami, in sight of which every Japanese wishes to be buried; of the stork, the other sacred emblem which appears in practically all Japanese pictures; of the strange little ships which are all put together like a Chinese puzzle, without nails; the tea-houses, with the pretty girls who serve their patrons on bended knees; and of his parish at Abushiri.

In connection with the last there were numerous amusing stories of the complications arising in the domestic life of the missionary. Insanitary practices on the part of neighbors had to be evaded or overcome, wash-day to be simplified, and a hardy acceptance of the elements to be developed. For the houses were not modern; neither were they luxurious. As the thermometer in the northern part of the island sometimes went down to 40 degrees below zero there were exigencies to be faced without any proper heating arrangements. A picture of the little chapel of St. Peter's was also shown, Mr. Andrews explaining that the furnishings had been collected slowly, many being the gifts of those baptized into the church, who were always asked to make some sacrifice to God as a mark of their conversion.

At the close of his address a very cordial vote of thanks, which was heartily endorsed by the men present, was moved by Captain Anderson.

ARE WITHOUT TITLE

Purchasers of Point Grey Lots Left in the Lurch by Dominion Trust and Alvensleben Firm.

There has been laid before the government by C. R. Drayton, provisional liquidator of the Dominion Trust company, the plight of some of the depositors of that defunct corporation who purchased lands in the Point Grey district and now find themselves in the lurch between the trust company and another corporation which is in difficulties, Alvo von Alvensleben, Limited.

About three years ago, when the lands at Point Grey were being sold by the provincial government, a large portion was purchased by the Alvensleben firm and forty acres were divided into thirty-three-foot lots, which sold at from $700 to $950 a lot. A great many of the buyers from Alvensleben made their payments through the Dominion Trust company, but now that inquiry comes to be made it is found that neither company has obtained a title to the property.

As a matter of fact the Alvensleben company, it now transpires, has only paid to the government a first payment of twenty-five per cent. of the purchase price, and in the ordinary course of things this would mean that the lands would revert to the crown. Some of the purchasers from the Alvensleben firm have completed their payments and one of them, George Duncan, has even paid the fee for his deed.

It is the suggestion of Mr. Drayton to the government that it should accept the payments made to the Dominion Trust as having been made to agents for it, for which sums it would rank as a creditor of the company, and should grant title to the people who have paid up. It is said by Mr Drayton that he got favorable consideration for this and that legislation is likely to be put through to give effect to this at the next session.

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MEETINGS

Special Musical.—The Psychic Research Society will have a special musical programme at its evening services next Sunday.

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A Guid Scotch Nicht.—The St. Andrew's and Caledonia society will hold a social and dance on Hagnamay Night, December 31, in St. John's hall. Everyone will be welcomed.

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Christmas at Willows.—Rev. Dr. Campbell, chaplain to the forces, will conduct service at the Willows camp for the troops at 9.30 on Christmas day. The service will be open to all and all are cordially invited.

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Christmas Entertainment.—The annual Christmas entertainment of the First Presbyterian Sunday school will be held in the church on Tuesday, December 29, at 8 p.m. A very attractive programme has been arranged, and a large crowd is expected to attend. All are invited.

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Fusiliers' Band Concert.—The usual Sunday evening concert will be given by the Fusiliers' band at Pantages theatre next Sunday. A special feature of the entertainment will be an impersonation of J. P. Sousa, the celebrated bandmaster. The impersonator, William Davidson, is quite original in his conducting and will create not a little amusement.

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Hospital Christmas Service.—Rev. F. H. Fatt will conduct an 8 o'clock service in the Pemberton memorial chapel, Royal Jubilee hospital, on Christmas morning. This will consist of a celebration of the holy communion. The staff and patients at the hospital and people in the district are invited to attend. This will be the only service in the chapel on Christmas Day.

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At Metropolitan Church.—At the Metropolitan church next Sunday the special numbers from the "Messiah" rendered by the choir last Sunday will be repeated. At the organ recital, commencing at 7 o'clock, the following programme will be rendered: Overture and Pastoral Symphony from the "Messiah"; Fantasia on two Christmas Carols (Guilmont); The Angelus (Gray).

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Choir of Soldiers.—At the First Baptist church (Dominion theatre) there will be a special service next Sunday night which is specially designed for the welcome of those who have not homes to go to nor any special church to attend. There will be a soldiers' choir made up of men from the 30th battalion, which will take the place of the regular choir and will render special selections during the evening. Mrs. Staneland will sing "Where Is My Wandering Boy To-night?" There will be a special organ recital at 7 o'clock, preceding the service. The subject of the pastor's address will be "Memories of the Past."

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To Lecture Here.—The secretary of the Victoria Branch of the Imperial British Israel association has obtained a promise from Professor Odlum, known as a specialist in "British Israel Truth," to give two lectures after the holidays on dates to be announced. He will present "The Case for the Defence" on behalf of the local association. His subject on the first night will be: "The Bible Foundation of the Anglo-Israel Claim," and on the second night, "The Historic and Ethnic Proof That Britain Is the Ten-Tribed Kingdom of Israel." The Very Rev. A. J. Doull, Dean of Columbia, has generously promised to take the chair, and has also placed the Cathedral schoolroom at the disposal of the association.

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Infants' Coats
Infants' Wool Gaiters
Infants' Mitts
Infants' Hose
Infants' Bootees
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A Dainty Boudoir Cap or a pretty Tea Apron would be very acceptable.

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For the remaining days before Xmas we have decided to reduce our entire stock of fine English Felt Slippers.

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FIGHTING IN THE STREETS.

An officer in a regiment of hussars sends the following account:

Two night ago we also had some excitement. Our brigade was ordered to clear the Germans out of a town close by here. We started to do so late in the afternoon in thick fog. By the time we got there it was pitch dark and my regiment got into one end of the town before the Germans discovered what was happening. Then the fun began in earnest. The houses were full of Germans, and we got our Maxim guns going down the streets. You can't imagine the noise that the shooting made in the empty streets, and you could see nothing but the flash of rifles. The 16th Lancers brought up a field gun by hand and blew down one of their barricades, and eventually we got into the centre of the town. Here the enemy had set fire to some houses, which lit up the streets and made it impossible for us to get on further, so we retired out of the town again. Our object was to capture the bridge over a river on the far side of the town, which we could have done but for the burning houses. Shortly after we got outside the town the Germans started to shell it, and kept this up for four hours, thinking we were still there.

A self-centred person is like a tree overhanging a pool that ever sees but its own image reflected in the water.

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PREPARING PROGRAMME FOR PUBLIC SERVICE

Meeting of Ministers Called To-morrow; Court of Revision Cases

The arrangements for the public intercession service on Sunday, January 3, for the success of the allied arms and the conclusion of the European war are progressing. There will be a meeting of the various clergy and ministers of the city to-morrow afternoon at the city hall to arrange the character of the service, which will be held on the afternoon of the designated day.

The mayor and some of the aldermen were in touch this morning with the management of the Royal Victoria theatre to learn if the theatre could be used for the service. At the meeting to-morrow it is hoped to complete arrangements.

Part of the business of the police commissioners this afternoon at 3 was to receive a deputation from the Civic Retrenchment association. The deputation wished to urge the commission to frame the estimates for 1915 on a basis of a cut of 25 per cent. The provisional estimates prepared by the board show some reduction from the figures of 1914. President O'Reilly and three or four members of the association attended and placed their views before the commissioners.

As a result of the conversation at a private meeting of the aldermen, it has been decided that a committee will wait upon the Friendly Help association and ask that the proposed registry of unemployment be conducted in conjunction with that association's work and that a man be placed in charge so that there will not be any overlapping. It is felt that the double duties can be operated under a single plan. The society is the organization officially chosen by the city to handle its relief; therefore the aldermen think this is the best course for adoption.

Probably after a committee has waited upon the organization, it will be possible to frame a better arrangement than has yet been devised to avoid overlapping of charity.

To-morrow the court of revision will have one of the most important series of by-laws to pass upon that it has had before it this year. Chief of the measures will be the assessment for the widening of Pandora avenue between Douglas street and Amelia street, which will cost the owners $387,694. This amount is levied against owners between Cook street and Government street on the following basis: Five per cent. between Cook and Vancouver streets; 10 per cent. between Vancouver and Quadra streets; 30 per cent. between Quadra street and Blanshard avenue; 45 per cent. between Blanshard avenue and a point 120 feet west of Douglas street; 10 per cent. between that latter point and Government street.

The assessor's figures show the front foot rate at from 28 cents up to $20.78 per annum according to position, this being for widening only. There are also charges for street paving, cluster lighting, sewer and water laterals, and the widening from Chambers street to Fort street, the cost of which has to be met by a pro rata charge along the whole length of the street.

Other assessment by-laws due for attention to-morrow are those for Quadra street, to which the council pays $15,800 of the total cost of $47,325; Garbally road paving, $14,424; Arm street, drainage, $4,060; Shasta street, paving, $7,000, and Blackwood street, $29,283. This last named by-law is the one against which objection was lodged at the city council meeting on Monday by Frank Burrell, an owner of property on the street.

Considerable opposition from interested owners against the confirmation of assessment under these by-laws is expected.

WOULD LIKE RETURN OF ROLL EARLIER

City Officials State That Economy and General Benefit Would Result

The suggestion which Alderman McNeill made to the legislative committee on Monday with regard to the amendment of the act to enable the assessment roll to be returned prior to December 31, instead of in the year for which taxes are being levied, would greatly facilitate the raising of taxes each year, it was stated by the assessor and the comptroller to-day.

Not only would a council on taking office know exactly what revenue could be raised on land valuation, but the customary rush and hurry of issuing tax notices in July would be removed, it was pointed out. Each year now it cost some $1,000 or more for clerical help to hurry through this work in order that the notices might go through in time. Under the new plan the work could be systematized.

In the past the legislature had given little encouragement to representations made on this matter by the executive of the B. C. Union of Municipalities and as a result the roll was unually completed during May or June, giving little time to complete the necessary information and issue tax notices. This year, by adopting the roll of 1913 with some trifling alterations, the council had secured its return by the assessor in March, but, except for the opposition of the legislature in the past, the easier system could long since have been adopted.

If the representations of the reform organization about a revaluation of property were to be met, it would require more time next year than was the case this spring in preparing the roll.

The chairman of the finance committee has complained all through the year that semi-business property was assessed too high. No one doubts that the assessment here is exceptional, the purpose being to avoid raising the rate unduly.

The city solicitor does not think much legislation would be required at the next session of the house, and believes that whatever has become necessary should be carried out through the union executive rather than on the representation of the individual councils.

These Are Days of Hurry—Therefore you should take that 25c Merchants' Lunch at the Blanshard Inn—next Public Library.

SCENES OF CARNAGE.

A motor ambulance driver writes:

The enemy make some terrific attacks almost every night, but the result is always the same—a repulse. There is no doubt the impression held by most people before this war as to the German army being so vastly ahead of ours is absolutely knocked on the head; from every side they cannot compare with our men. I have spoken to very many of their wounded, very many of whom speak English, and they almost without exception speak of how surprised the Germans are at our army. The cavalry have done splendid work, and both infantry and artillery have done the same.

The men out here give one a very different impression to what they do in London barracks. To see them in the trenches with many days' growth of beard and any hat they think most comfortable, no pipe clay or polished buttons, men whose one idea in barracks seems to be local servant girls, while out here their one idea seems to be to do better than some rival regiment. It is just the sort of spirit one reads of, but which I for one thought was all moonshine. When I tell you that we have dug fresh trenches which will be ready to-day or to-morrow, which are 500 yards behind those we now have and the troops will move back to them—so there is no earthly advantage in altering the position from a defensive point of view—but, as I say, when I tell you the reason is that owing to the terrific number of German dead lying in front of the old trenches, the stench is so bad that they are afraid of disease breaking out, hence the change. This is no newspaper report, but what I myself have seen.

CASUALTIES: ONE CHICKEN.

An officer in the 87th Royal Irish Fusiliers writes on November 1:

We are still in the same place, and must have been in this neighborhood for about a fortnight. All goes well, steadily but surely. In one of the first attacks, by the noise, you would have thought hell had been let loose; heavy rifle fire on our side and theirs, machine-guns, shrapnel, star shells, rockets, etc. In fact, a perfect "Brock's Benefit" at the Crystal Palace. All the harm that was done in our immediate neighborhood on the occasion I speak of was a calf and a cow or two killed. (We ate one.) On a similar occasion one spring chicken, I believe, was the bag! When the cattle get bowled over close in front of our trenches it is a nuisance, because after some days they become highly odoriferous, and we have to send out burying parties at night to "plant them." All the day long one hears heavy artillery, in fact all kinds of artillery, duels going on, far and near, and the perpetual noise of "sniping;" you can detect the German by the sort of double report, making a noise like "Ach-hoo," if one could represent the sound by spelling it. They must get rid of a fearful amount of ammunition. They love getting up into trees (in platforms sometimes) and sniping from the windows of farms, haystacks, etc. They are deuced hard to locate. A few rounds fired into the place where you think the shots come from has the effect of quietening the brute for the time being sometimes, even if you can't get him.

SMART ARTILLERY WORK.

A captain in the Royal Field Artillery writes home:

Friday was a bad day for us; a regiment in front of us was being badly handled. We got an urgent summons and I was ordered to advance into the open and do the best I could. I thought it was all up with me then. I then went up to the major and he sent me to go and try to find out what the trouble was. I went through one building that was an absolute shambles. I got back to the major and the section came up and we beat off the infantry attack and then destroyed the house that was hiding the machine guns that were doing so much damage. By this time they had their guns on to us, and as we had done our job we took cover till dark and then got the guns away; we lost a bit, though, in men and horses. We were extraordinarily lucky. We (the major and I) neither of us expected to get a man away alive and expected to lose the three guns. We had then been four days firing day and night in the same position. . . . In the middle of last night I had another order; I was to destroy a house that was hiding a machine gun, and again I had to take the open within 1,000 yards of the enemy, and again I thought it must be the end. I got in quietly before the mists were up, and as soon as the house was visible (I only took one gun) I fired as fast as I could about 70 shells into it, and it was in ruins and burning, and I was away without losing a man or a horse. Just in time, as the shells were falling all round me, three batteries firing on my one gun. I doubt if you will find anyone else who has twice been in action against the Germans within 1,000 yards in the open and got away alive.

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TREE CASE ENDS IN SUPREME COURT TO-DAY

Taking of Evidence Concluded This Morning and Argument Follows

The taking of evidence in the matter of the damage suit which James Parfitt has against the B. C. Electric Railway company, with the city brought in as a third party, concluded before Mr. Justice Gregory in the Supreme court this forenoon, and this afternoon his lordship is hearing argument from H. C. Hall, for the plaintiff, H. B. Robertson for the company, and City Solicitor Robertson for the city.

Mr. Parfitt claims the sum of $1,000 for the entrance of the company's workmen on his property in the Craigdarroch sub-division without permission, this being an act of trespass, and the mutilation of a fine old oak tree for the purpose of allowing the stringing of wires through and past it.

Yesterday afternoon the evidence was heard of the employes of the B. C. Electric, who had had to do with the cutting of the tree, including Albert D. Duncan and James Cummins, superintendent and assistant superintendent of wires. They stated that they were given permission by Park Supt. Purdy to cut the tree in dispute, and that they had followed a city plan which showed where a number of poles were to be moved, which moving brought the wires into such a position that it was necessary to carry them through this tree and cut its branches so that the wires could run free.

City Solicitor Robertson this morning outlined the defence of the city. This was virtually an action brought against one party to a partnership—assuming there was a partnership—and an attempt to make a contribution as between the two. There would have to be considered the implication of a contract of indemnity of the company by the city from the result of its tort. Interwoven with that was the question of how far a statement by the park superintendent could bind the city where a matter has been reduced to writing by the city engineer. On the question of fact the city denied that it directed the tree to be cut down by anyone, and took the ground that if it had to be trimmed it could have been done in a different manner from the manner in which it was mutilated.

The by-laws providing for the widening of Fort street were put in.

A. O'Meara, assistant in the office of the city engineer, told of going up to the vicinity of the tree with the park superintendent and speaking to Duncan, of the B. C. Electric Railway company, about the stringing of wires. They were not near the big tree in question, but referring to some small trees nearby he said the company could trim the tops where they obstructed the wires. The park superintendent gave no permission to cut down the tree, as alleged by the company, in his hearing. Mr. O'Meara said he had showed Cummins, of the B. C. Electric, where the Fort street widening ended, the spot being marked by a broad arrow in blue chalk on the wall. This was west of the tree. Shown a plan put in by the company, and relied on by it as implicating the city, Mr. O'Meara said this had nothing to do with the street widening plans but was simply what it was described to be, a plan showing where B. C. Electric poles were to be moved north or south.

To Mr. Robertson the witness said the plan showed the poles moved back to where the company wanted them placed. This would bring the wires across private property, but that was a matter between the company and the owners affected.

Park Superintendent Purdy, under whose jurisdiction tree-cutting comes, flatly denied the evidence of Mr. Cummins that he had told the latter to cut the tree out of which the action arises. On the day he gave instructions about the trees generally he had first dealt with those along the property of the late Mr. Justice Gray's estate, and then walked up with Mr. O'Meara and Mr. Duncan to those on the Craigdarroch estate. He gave permission to trim off branches where they hung over the street and interfered with the wires. There was no intention on the city's part of cutting any of these trees, and certainly not the big tree, which was beyond the point of widening. If there had been any need to trim that particular tree to permit of wires passing it could have been done in a different manner, although it would still have depreciated the value of the tree. Being a self-sown tree it would be impossible to move it. He hesitated to put a value on the tree, but considered that $1,000 was too much for it.

Cross-examined, Superintendent Purdy said the tree had been recklessly cut. If it had been city property he would have cut just so much of it as would have interfered with the wires. If there was a tree on private property which had to be cut he would first see the owner about it.

A. E. Foreman, assistant city engineer, was the official who approved the plan showing the new pole locations. He said that city workmen had trimmed the trees along the new street line on Fort street, but he had given authority or permission to no one to cut Mr. Parfitt's tree.

H. B. Robertson's cross-examination was directed to showing that the city's plan involved the crossing of private property by the B. C. Electric wires, and that it would be gathered from it that the street widening would be extended to Harrison street, which would bring the tree west of the end of the widening.

This concluded the taking of evidence.

The following is the official list of prices for khaki: Service uniforms made to measure—Tunics, 30s. for rank and file, and 35s. for officers; trousers, 12s.; knicker-breeches, 16s.; and Badford cord riding-breeches, 42s.

MANY HAMPERS FOR CHRISTMAS DINNERS

Friendly Help Rooms Busy Packing for Nearly 300 Families

The Friendly Help rooms, Market building, have been the scene of a vast work during the past three days. A corps of twenty-five voluntary helpers have been busy sorting the supplies of groceries and clothing ready for the Christmas hampers which have at last all been sent off to the various needy families. The last went out late this morning. During the three days close upon three hundred baskets containing sugar, flour, butter, tea, breakfast-foods, canned meats and fruits, toys, new garments, raisins, currants, and, in most instances, meat for the Christmas dinner, have been delivered to households where the gift will be gratefully welcomed this season as never before.

The public made a magnificent response to the additional appeal made this year owing to the increased number of needy families, and it is hoped that everyone will have not only a hearty Christmas dinner but sufficient additional supplies to help along in the days to follow. The school children of the city have contributed splendidly with clothes, money and groceries, all of which will be acknowledged by the Friendly Help in the regular Christmas donation statement.

A very handsome gift was received this week in the form of forty-five tons of coal, this being part of a contribution sent to the Patriotic Aid society by the Canadian Collieries (Dunsmuir) Limited, for distribution by the former organization among the families whose bread-winner is out of employment. The Friendly Help was consequently asked to undertake part of the distribution work, as it was known that this organization would be able at once to deliver the coal to people who would be grateful for the fuel. The Victoria Tug company towed the coal to Victoria without charge, and Messrs. Hall & Walker and Messrs. Mackay & Gillespie also very generously undertook the delivery of the same to the various families. It would be almost impossible to guage the extent of the pleasure which such a gift will bring, as many families who have had to eke out a meager fuel supply will have their anxieties lessened and will enjoy a warm fireside for Christmas Day at least.

Another splendid gift was that sent by Messrs. Jones & Rant, the following being given for distribution by the Salvation Army and Friendly Help society: Five pairs of overalls; 7 woollen undershirts; 4 pairs of woollen underpants; 1 dozen shirts; 5 denim shirts; 4 lbs. of Durham tobacco and cigarette papers; 2 lbs. of chewing tobacco; 7 wool sweaters; 4 pairs of 8-lb. blankets; 35 1-gallon tins of fruit and tomatoes; 1 keg of pickles; 1 sack of sago (20 lbs.); 1 sack of rice (15 lbs); 2 sacks of flour (25 lbs. each); packets of raisins; 25 lbs. of sugar; 5 lbs. of green peas; 7 lbs. of tapioca; 10 lbs. of beans; 1 box of crackers; 10 lbs. of currants; soap; 1 box of barley; 5 lbs. of yellow soap; 100 lbs. of macaroni; 100 lbs. of vermicelli; 2 lbs. of candies; 3 lbs. of coffee; 10 lbs. of tapioca; 5 lbs. of evaporated apples; 1 pocket of cornflakes; 5 lbs. of barley; 3 lbs. of mustard; 2 lbs. of cornstarch; 12 oz. of baking powder; 2 boxes of the same; 10 packets of hops; 5 lbs. of chocolate; 9 packets of cream of wheat; part box of apricots; 25 lbs. of peaches; 100 lbs. of sugar; 4 slickers; 10 lbs. of rice; 20 lbs. of tapioca.

The Friendly Help rooms will close to-morrow at 1 o'clock and those intending to send in contributions are asked to get them in before that time.

DURATION OF WAR.

Sir John Simon, the attorney-general, speaking at a recruiting meeting at Ashton-under-Lyne, said we had engaged in this terrific struggle because we were determined to restore for ourselves and our children the principle that might is not right. It was because of the stupendous miscalculation on the part of German strategists and German spies and the German scientific and philosophic mind that we stood in the proud situation in which we found ourselves. They were spying about our preparations for defence; they never discovered the conscience of an Englishman. They were calculating the explosive force of this and that shell—they never discovered the explosive force of British indignation. They developed this philosophy that nothing mattered except in proportion as it was backed by physical force—but they had discovered there was something far more destructive than physical force, and that was the courage and determination of a free people.

"I will tell you a secret," continued the speaker, "with the full authority of my colleagues. Do you want to know when the war is going to end? I will tell you; I will tell you not approximately, but exactly. You may put your money on it. (Laughter.) The war is going to end on that day on which we and our gallant allies have accomplished the purpose for which we set out—that is, not only to right the wrongs of unhappy Belgium (for righted these wrongs shall be) not only to restore respect for sacred European obligations, as they shall be restored, but to crush that hateful spirit of Prussian militarism, which is a menace to Europe worse than war, and by crushing which we shall confer a lasting benefit not only on ourselves, but on that great and powerful community the German people themselves."

Referring to the censorship, Sir John said it was undoubtedly true that under the conditions of modern warfare there had to be cut off an immense amount of information as to the gallantry of this particular regiment or that which would be deeply grateful to its friends at home, and undoubtedly would supplement and encourage recruiting. But messages had to be carefully edited, because, after all, the first thing to do was to keep from the enemy any information which would enable him to identify the movements of the troops opposed to him.

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THE KAISER'S SUITE.

A list is published of the German emperor's suite in the field. It is a little army in itself, containing General von Plessen and eight other aides-de-camp, three doctors, the chief of the military cabinet with five assistants, the chief of the naval cabinet, the chief of the civil cabinet, a representative of the foreign office, the chief court marshal and several other court officials, the imperial chancellor and two members of his office, the foreign secretary, with two assistants, representatives of the ministry of war and of the office of the Imperial navy, the military plenipotentiaries of Bavaria, Wurtemberg, and Saxony, two representatives of the Austrian army, and half a dozen specially selected princes.

To avoid an occasion for our virtues, is a worse degree of failure than to push forward pluckily and make a fall.—R. L. Stevenson.

In Our Town.—There cum pretty near bein' a free-fur-all fight down tew Baltuff's grocery store last night. They have a new baby up tew Hiram Dennis's house, and Bill Smithers axt Hi how th' heir wuz agittin' along. "Oh, all right," sez Hiram, lookin' kind of worried, "exceptin' he cries most of th' time. What d'ye suppose makes him do that?" "I dunno," sez Bill thoughtlessly, "ceptin' he's beginnin' tew recognize his paw and maw!"

SPORTING NEWS

INTERNATIONAL CARD OFFERED TO-NIGHT

SEATTLE CRACK TO MEET LOCAL BOY

Corbett Will Referee Main Feature at Amateur Tourney; Ross Here for Davies Bout

Frank Marshall, the Seattle Athletic club crack, has been secured to go on against Scott Cropper in to-night's international boxing tourney at the old Victoria theatre, Douglas street. Manager Russ Leighton, of the Vancouver Commercial club, arrived in the city this morning, bringing Ross and Marshall with him. He states that Swales was unable to make the trip, so he brought Marshall along. The addition of Marshall will give a real international flavor to the Vancouver Island A. A. tournament, and a record crowd is expected to attend to-night's bouts.

The management has the assurance of Gentleman Jim Corbett, who is now appearing at Pantages, that he will referee the main event, the bout between Scotty McKay and Harry Stewart. Corbett is still greatly interested in the ring game, and was tickled at the opportunity of witnessing a local tourney while in the capital. Not only will the fans have a chance to look over the cream of the boxing talent in the Northwest, but they will also be given a sword-bayonet duel and a series of Japanese wrestling contests that should please all.

There has been a steady demand for tickets, and a special section of the boxes have been reserved for the ladies who wish to view the contests. The soldiers will attend in hundreds because of the interest in the inter-corps bouts, while the return meeting of McKay and Stewart is in itself a bout that will pull a bumper house.

Complete Programme.

Main event, 158 lbs., Scotty McKay (B. C. champion), V.I.A.A., vs. W. Stewart, Sir J. Jacksons A. C., 115 lbs.; Al. Davies (B. C. champion), V.I.A.A., vs. Geo. Ross, Vancouver C. A. C., 130 lbs.; Scott Cropper, V.I.A.A., vs. Art Swales, Vancouver C. A.C., 135 lbs.; Jack Larrigan, V.I.A.A. vs. S. James, Sir J. Jacksons A. C., 130 lbs.; Private Cooks, Fusiliers, vs. Private Fairclough, Fusiliers, 115 lbs.; Private W. Sneddon, Fusiliers, vs. R. Baker, V. I. A. A., 125 lbs.; Dynamitus Jackson, V.I. A.A., vs. N. H. McDiarmid, V.I.A.A., 115 lbs.; Guy Martin, V.I.A.A., vs. M. McLellan, V.I.A.A. Heavy, Private J. S. White, 30th Battalion, vs. Private Lenning, 30th Battalion, 145 lbs.; Corpl. Manders, 30th Battalion, vs. Highlanders' entry, Bayonet vs. sword duel, Lieupt. Wheeler, Ulster Brigade, vs. Sergt. Shaw, National reserve. Comic act, Private White, Fusiliers vs. Drummer Rooney, 88th Fusiliers.

Referee, Joe Gorman. Timekeeper, Leny Oliver. Announcer, George I. Warren. Judges, Jesse M. Warren and L. Fullard Leo. Bouts start at 8 o'clock. Box office opens at 7.30.

In the international amateur boxing tournament in Vancouver on Monday night honors were easy. Earl Baird won by default from Art Swales, and Sontak outpointed Dunne, of Vancouver, while Stanley Clement and Geo. Ross, Vancouver boys, won decisions over the Seattle Athletic club representatives, Frank Marshal and Jack Hensley.

Ross had no difficulty in winning his bout from Marshall in three rounds.

SOLDIERS SELECT STRONG FIFTEEN

Capt. Spencer Looks for a Win Over Rep. Team in Patriotic Fixture

"Provided we can handle the ball, I think that we should win Saturday's game," was the statement of Capt. Spencer, of the Willows rugby team, to the Times yesterday afternoon. "Our team will be handicapped because of their absence from the game, but I believe that the knowledge that the men have of rugby and their hardened condition, will give them a big edge over their faster and lighter opponents." The soldiers will have a couple of workouts before they take the field against the representative fifteen and they look for a win.

Secretary Nicholson announces that all preparations have been made for the big game, and it is expected that a record crowd will view the encounter. The Willows team was picked yesterday as follows: Full back, Spencer, 2nd C. M. R.; three-quarters, Corp. Meredith, 30th Batt.; Corp. Galliher, 30th Batt.; Sergt. Townsend, 30th Batt.; Tpr. Hines, 2nd C. M. R.; five-eighths, Sergt. Grant, 30th Batt.; Lieut. Martin, 88th; halves, Pte. McNaught, 30th Batt.; forwards, Corp. Heinekey, 2nd C. M. R.; Lieut. Carstairs, 88th; Lieut. Ackland, 88th; Sergt. Baum, 2nd C. M. R.; Tpr. Scott, 2nd C. M. R.; Pte. Gillespie, 30th Batt.; Pte. Patterson, 30th Batt.

Victorians will be pleased to hear that Sholto Gillespie and G. C. Grant starred in the match between the Canadian Contingent and the English Public Schools fifteen. Baker, the Vancouver three-quarter, also played well in this fixture.

Phoenix Stout, dozen pints, 75c.

FEDERALS TO HOLD JOHNSON IN COURT

Battle Looming Up Between Major Baseball Leagues; Others Likely to Jump

Only the preliminary engagements of the baseball war between federal and organized baseball have been fought. The great battles are now approaching.

Recently Johnson jumped his Washington contract and joined Weeghman's Chicago Outlaws. Sunday he was dissatisfied with his new berth and jumped back to O. B. President Weeghman announces that he will take the case before the Supreme court, and that Johnson will either return to his club or quit baseball. When the Washington star jumped, he was given advanced money from the Outlaw leader, and he must remain with that club.

Philadelphia will likely lose several stars through the raids of the Outlaws. Charles Dooin disposed of manager of the Phillies, has not yet come to terms with any O. B. club, and threatens to join the Federals. Hans Lobert, last season the star third sacker of the National league, and a member of the Phillies, is reported to have joined Gilmore's organization. Dooin and Lobert are free agents, their contracts having expired this fall. Both Philadelphia clubs lost men to the Feds. Connie Mack asked waivers on Eddie Plank and Chief Bender. These veterans were offered handsome salaries, and deserted organized baseball. These players were free agents.

Montreal, Dec. 23.—Syracuse and Richmond will replace Jersey City and Baltimore on the International league circuit next year, according to President Lichtenhein, of the Royals. Everything has been settled regarding the transfer of the two franchises, but it still remains to adjust the New York State league and the Virginia league circuits to the change. President Lichtenhein also announced that Dan Howley will again manage the Royals next summer.

Connie Mack confirmed Baker's contract for 1915 and declared he was at a loss to know how rumors of friction between him and Baker ever were made public. He said that Baker was one of the most faithful members of his club and that he had not thought of ever parting with him.

Mack also intimated that he contemplated no further changes in the club, and that Stuffy McInnis and Jack Barry, as well as Baker, would fill their familiar infield posts next season.

New York, Dec. 23.—Colonel Jacob Ruppert, jr., and Captain Tillinghast L. Huston arrived in New York to-day and went into conference with Frank J. Farrell, chief owner of the New York American league team to arrange final details for the purchase of the club.

Col. Ruppert announced before his meeting with Farrell that the deal had not been closed, and that it was now all up to Farrell. He indicated that he expected there would be no hitch, however.

Farrell said: "Up to the present we still own the club and will own it until we are paid our price. That's all there is to do. We had nothing to do with what happened in Chicago. We merely have set our figure and are waiting." There seemed to be little doubt, however, that the deal would go through.

SPORTING GOSSIP

Vancouver is away to a nice start in the Coast league.

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President Blewett is taking a step in the right direction in securing a trio of high-class umpires.

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Tom Fox reports that there is a great increase in candle pin bowling in the capital.

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Newsy Lalonde and Pitre are holding out for high salaries from the Canadiens.

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Kennedy will have a swell hockey aggregation this year and should about win the championship.

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Charlie Stis will have a lot of Western Canada league players on his Everett team next year.

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Wests are offering odds that they win the Victoria Football association championship.

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Bob Rowe makes break into this week's game at Portland as a regular at right wing.

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Johnny O'Leary now says that he will make a trip to Australia in search of a few bouts.

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He and Bayley had better clash, the winner to make the trip to the Antipodes.

QUEBEC WILL HOLD M'DONALD

Quebec, Dec. 23.—Speaking of submitting to arbitration the exchange of Tommy Smith for Jack McDonald, which was transacted last spring between Quebec and Ontarios, Manager Mike Quinn, of the Quebec Hockey club, said he would never accept such a proposition and will refuse positively to give up the services of McDonald or consent to reopen discussion on a deal which the club considers closed. When Smith was exchanged for McDonald, the league was immediately informed, and, despite the protests of the Patricks, the association declared that deal in conformity with the constitution of the league

GOLF BY-LAWS WILL BE AMENDED SHORTLY

New York, Dec. 23.—A proposal to amend the by-laws of the United States Golf association more clearly to define the status of an amateur will be submitted to the annual meeting on January 8.

The proposed amendment defines an amateur as one who does not accept money or the equivalent thereof, directly or indirectly, in his association with the game of golf.

Exceptions provide that an amateur's standing shall not be jeopardized by writing articles about or reporting golf matches; members of firms or corporations selling golf supplies, and players making wagers on the games are exempted in the proposed amendment. Violating includes teaching the game of golf for money, receiving pay as caddies after reaching the age of 16, and professionalism in any other branch of sport.

CUP TIES WILL BE PLAYED SATURDAY

President Dave Bain, of the Victoria Football association, announced this morning that there was little important business for to-night's gathering of this body. Referee Allan will handle the Scottish vs. All-Star benefit match at the ball park on Friday morning. There are only two cup ties booked for Saturday, Thistles and Jacksons coming together, while the C. P. R. and Civic Service elevens also meet. His Worship Mayor Stewart and the city council will attend the patriotic match, for which Joshua Kingham has kindly donated the use of the Royal Athletic park.

SIX TEAMS ENTER CHURCH CIRCUIT

Schedule for the Basketball League to Be Drawn Up Shortly

It was a busy session at the Y. M. C. A. last night. The bi-weekly competition was staged. Plans for a Christmas Day soccer match completed; senior Sunday school basketball league schedule drafted, and arrangements were made for next Wednesday's competition of preparatory boys class.

Brooke Valo again showed wonderful form in last night's athletic competition. He carried off the honors in the vault clearing a fence, 5 feet 10½ inches. E. Meyers was a close second, vaulting 5 feet 9½ inches, and J. J. Williams carried off third honors in this event, clearing 5 feet 5½ inches.

A. White won the second event of the evening, the quarter mile run, against time. He covered the distance in 1 minute 7 seconds. E. Harwood was second, his time being 1 minute 9 3-5 seconds, with Shadwell third, 1 minute 10 2-5 seconds.

Having finished their league schedule, the Y. M. C. A. juniors last evening succeeded in securing a date with the provincial government junior club eleven to take place Christmas morning, at 9 o'clock at Central park.

This afternoon at 4 o'clock, the members of the preparatory boys class will hold a rehearsal of the games to take place on Wednesday, December 30, from 3 to 5 p. m. All mothers have been invited to attend.

To date six teams have entered the senior Sunday school basketball league, and last night the schedule was drawn up. The six teams are: Centennials, Knox, Congregational, Metropolitans, Baptists and Fairfields. Officers of the league were rather disappointed that they had not received entries from the James Bay and Belmont Methodists, but these will probably be received next week, and a new schedule will be drafted.

Thursday's and Saturday's are the nights set for the games, two matches each night. The league opens Saturday, January 2. Fairfields clash with the champion Metropolitan five, and the Baptists meet the Knox church representatives.

A meeting of the basket ball committee will be held next Tuesday night in the Y. M. C. A.

CHISLETT VICTOR IN FIVE PIN CONTEST

In the five-pin competition at the Arcade alleys, which was closed on Monday night, Chislett carried off high honors with a total of 572 for ten games. Probit was second with a score of 558, while Shade was third with 549.

The City league bowling fixture between Shortt, Hill & Duncan and the Elks' team was postponed because the jewellers could not get their team off for this match.

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SPORTING NEWS (CONTINUED)

SHAKEUP THREATENED IN CHAMPIONS

LOCAL PLAYERS MAY FIGURE IN TRADE

Manager Patrick Issues Ultimatum to Senators; Tickets for Vancouver Game on Sale Saturday

Unless the Victoria club win their game at Portland on Saturday night and follow this up by a win over the Vancouver team when the Terminals play here next Tuesday night, there will be a big shapeup in the ranks of the P. C. H. A. champions. Manager Patrick is not at all pleased with the manner in which his Senators have been performing of late, and insists that the players produce the goods or he will look elsewhere to strengthen his seven. The team have been told individually that they are due for a juggling, and the local management will not hesitate to lop off a veteran or two if necessary to produce a winning combination.

Against an all-star amateur aggregation last night the pros. were hard pressed to hold their own. The team that they fairly ate up on Saturday night gave them all kinds of trouble, and there is a rumor current that a trade will be affected with either Portland or Vancouver whereby the locals will be able to add a little more speed to their attack. Walter Smaill is a certainty for right wing against the Rosebuds on Saturday night, while if Bob Rowe is able to get into the game, he will be used also. The discouraging lack of "pep" that the champions have exhibited in their last few games has awakened the players to the realization that they will have to inject a little ginger into their play if they intend to hold their jobs.

The team will practise to-morrow for their final preparatory brush, and will leave Friday afternoon for the Rose City. The Arena management announce that a special musical programme for Christmas day has been arranged for the whole three skating sessions. Tickets for next Tuesday's game at the Willows, in which Vancouver and Victoria get into action, go on sale Saturday morning at the Fit-Rite parlors.

Edmonton, Dec. 23.—Marty Walsh, the well known hockey player, is no longer a resident of Edmonton. He left here three months ago on the advice of his physicians, and is now located on a ranch a few miles from Cochran, Alberta. Last reports received by friends here say that his health is improving and that he is feeling much better.

Charlie Ross, well known with the old Victorians some years ago, is back in Ottawa after a stay on the coast for several months. Charlie refereed several games in the B. C. league last winter, and says Vancouver should breeze through this season. Ross played with Victorias when they beat Renfrew and met Wanderers for the Stanley cup.

Canadiens look to have the fastest forward line in the N. H. A. Pitre, Scott and Smith are as fast as any players on the big-time circuit, and insure the French Flyers of a whirlwind attack.—Montreal Herald.

The Wanderers have let out Levigne, the former O. H. A. player.

The Grand Mere team of last year is shot to pieces. Dave Ritchie is with Quebec, Stephens with Wanderers, and McLaughlin with Torontos. Gauthier, the clever net-minder, is also a Wanderer possibility.

OLD-TIME PLAYER DIES.

New York, Dec. 23.—Philip J. Powers, an old-time baseball player, famous in his day, died to-day aged 62. He was a player on the old Mutuals in this city and later catcher for the Cincinnati National league club, which he joined in 1876. He was an umpire in the National league up to 1892.

DIBBLE TRIES HOCKEY.

Bob Dibble, the diamond sculls candidate, is now trying his hand at hockey. The big fellow has been playing football all fall, and the other night was out with the Toronto Argonaut hockey squad at the Arena.

Little Johnny, aged six years, had a great liking for the docks. His father, a lighterman, warned the lad he would get a good hiding if ever he went to the docks again. "I shall know if you go by your boots," warned the father. Two or three days later Johnny rushed home. "Mother, how will father know that I have been to the docks to-day?" he asked hurriedly. "Your boots will tell him," answered the mother. "They won't," said Johnny, "'cos I've cut their tongues out!"

CRACK AMATEUR BOXERS CLASH TO-NIGHT

FRANK MARSHALL

GEORGE ROSS

Crack 125-lb. boxer, of the Seattle Athletic club, who will meet Scott Cropper at to-night's International tournament in the Victoria theatre. Marshall is one of the best boys on the coast and will replace Swakes, the Vancouver boy, who is unable to come over.

Vancouver Commercial club bantam, who meets Al. Davies in to-night's All-Star tourney. Ross defeated Davies in their recent clash at Vancouver and expects to repeat in to-night's bout. The boys will weigh in at 115 pounds ringside.

BAYLEY TO MEET JOHNNY MOORE

Joe Bayley leaves to-night for Merritt, B. C., where he meets Johnny Moore in a twenty-round bout Saturday night. Joe has been working out with Cyclone Scott hoping to obtain a match with Rough House Burns, but the latter declines to comes to terms with Bayley.

In Moore Joe is tackling one of the toughest boys in the Northwest, and in Merritt they think he is a coming champion. Recently Moore boxed Burns twenty rounds, losing a close decision. Andy Stalling, of Seattle, will likely referee the bout. Merritt promoters will match the winner of Saturday's bout with Burns for the title.

BULLET'S VERY UNCERTAIN BILLET.

That Germany is suffering from a scarcity of ammunition is not to be wondered at; and if the stories of large reserves having fallen into the hands of the victorious Russians in their latest smashing blow at General von Hindenburg's forces are to be believed, the famine looks like becoming as pronounced as to put out of action a large part of the German army until the deficiencies can be made up.

Every bullet may have its billet—bullet in this instance including shells of all sorts and sizes—but that billet is not so often the human body as one might imagine. For some reason or other it always has taken an amazing expenditure of bullets to kill a man. Even in that successful war of 1870, statistical experts say, the German soldiers fired at least 150 bullets and half-a-dozen shrapnel shells before they wounded one Frenchman.

As warfare became more scientific, and combatants further apart, the proportion of bullets to killed became even greater. In 1904, for instance, it took 3,000 bullets to account for one dead soldier.

No details are forthcoming as to the efficiency of rifle fire in the present war, but the "improvement"—from a humanitarian point of view, that is—has become even more marked, so far as can be ascertained. "Many German soldiers fired 4,000 cartridges apiece in the first month of the war." Is it any wonder, when we picture the millions of men Germany has in the field at present, in Flanders, France and East Prussia, that the Fatherland is becoming apprehensive? Even their efficient artillery, it is estimated, squanders 25 shells to kill a single man!

Virtue is like precious colors, most fragrant when they are incensed and crushed; for prosperity does best discover vice, but adversity doth best discover virtue.—Bacon.

Roughing It.—Algy: "Did you enjoy yourself roughing it this summer, old top?" Lionel: "No, blawsted luck! First the chef took sick, then some one stole our safety razors, and, to cap it all, the pianola broke down!"

"I don't care much for Lonelyville." "Why don't you move, then?" "Too many ties. One neighbor has my card table, another my wheelbarrow, and a third my lawn mower."

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CYCLOPS SAILS WITH BIG LIST OF CHINESE

Lively Scenes at Outer Docks To-day as 657 Orientals Embarked on Ship

Some lively, exciting and interesting scenes were enacted at the outer dock this morning, during the embarkation of 657 Chinese on the Blue Funnel liner Cyclops, Capt. Arthur. Owing to the great crowd which had sauntered up to the gangplank and the immense amount of luggage which had to be slung aboard, the steamship was delayed two hours in getting away on her long voyage to Liverpool via Far Eastern ports. It was a few minutes after 2 o'clock when Tom Sparks, wharfinger of Pier 1, gave his men orders to stand by and let go the mooring lines.

The departure of a Blue Funnel ship while the Celestial exodus is in full swing always produces many amusing scenes. This morning with the 657 Chinese flitting about and talking excitedly, the air itself seemed literally to be singing. The effect of the weird lingo of this great mass resembled to a marked degree the melodious enchantment which would come over a person upon hearing one hundred and one small boys playing different tunes on Jews' harps. As the great drays laden with tons of luggage reached the dock, the Chinese sprung lightly about and, catching hold of their trunks, bags or baskets, hustled off to a corner and there remained on guard over the belongings.

A Continuous Stream.

Following the issuance of the order to embarkation there was a rush for the gangplank. The Chinese kept up a continuous stream for about an hour and a half. In their arms they carried alarm clocks, umbrellas, saucepans and a dozen other articles to present to their wives, children, relatives and friends upon reaching their homes. Some of the Chinese did not like to see their luggage piled in the slings and hoisted aboard, and with the assistance of friends on the dock managed to haul their possessions over the side.

Most of the chinese are going home on holiday trips and will have interesting stories to tell their acquaintances of this wonderful country. The Cyclops will not reach China in time for the New Year's festivities, but the Chinese will celebrate the day in a befitting manner aboard ship.

The Cyclops sailed on her voyage laden to her capacity with freight. She carries heavy shipments of cotton, flour, machinery, fish, lumber and merchandise.

NEWINGTON RETURNS AFTER LONG ABSENCE

Fishery Cruiser Has Been Away on Defence Work; Tenders May Be Late

After an exceptionally long absence from port the fishery cruiser Newington, Capt. H. Bilton, returned to Esquimalt last night for the Christmas holidays, and also to have some repairs made. The little vessel left here shortly after the outbreak of the war and has not been back in port since. She has been engaged in connection with defence work in the north. The Newington has been a very busy ship, and besides attending to the many duties assigned to her by the naval department, she rendered assistance to several fishing schooners which were in distress. The cruiser assisted the lost fishing schooner Victoria and pulled off an American fisherman which hung up on a rock in Johnstone Strait.

The Newington will probably go into drydock before leaving on her next cruise. Her hull is dirty and she is in need of minor repairs. The officers and men are all glad that the ship was called home so that they can spend the holidays with their families.

Tenders May Be Late.

It is certain that the lighthouse tender Quadra, Capt. LeBlanc, will be in port for Christmas, but it is doubtful if the Estevan, Capt. Barnes, and Leebro, Capt. Hunter, will succeed in returning before Friday. The Quadra was dispatched from here last week to shift the Sandheads lightship and carry out a little buoy work in the Gulf of Georgia. The marine department has been advised that the ship will be home to-morrow.

The Estevan and Leebro have been carrying on department work in the north. The former was assigned to the Queen Charlotte Islands, and the Leebro was given the inside passage. Both ships were at Prince Rupert on Sunday, but each has several calls to make on the way south, and the possibility is that the officers and crews of the tenders will spend Christmas day at sea.

'FRISCO SALVORS TO TRY AND FLOAT SHIP

Steamer Iaqua Dispatched From Golden Gate to Assistance of Malakka

San Francisco salvors are to make an attempt to float the motorship Malakka, which piled up on Cedros Islands five days ago. According to telegraphic advices received by the Times this afternoon from the Godren Gate the salvage steamer Iaqua has nearly four days' steaming ahead of her before she reaches the islands, which lies five hundred miles south of San Diego.

The Malakka and her cargo are valued at more than $1,000,000. It is understood that the motorship is badly damaged and is firmly held by the rocks. The messages from the American-Hawaiian freighter Arizonian, which stood by the vessel for a short time, lead to the belief that the Malakka will in all probability become a total loss. The vessel is ashore in a sheltered spot and the salvors will not have to combat the elements. The cargo will be lightered and if she is floated she will be taken to San Francisco and repaired.

Salvor to Remain.

There was a report to the effect that the steamer Salvor, of the B. C. Salvage company, would be sent from Victoria to Cedros Islands to float the motorship. She will, however, remain at her dock in the inner harbor.

The accident to the Malakka is the first serious bishap that a motorship of the East Asiatic Steamship company has had. While in Oriental waters the Siam was in collision but did not suffer any bad damage. The Iaqua is equipped with wireless and information as to the progress made with the salvage operations is expected at frequent intervals. The Malakka does not carry wireless. If she had, assistance would have reached her much sooner than it did.

AUSTRALIAN LINER IS DELAYED IN LEAVING

Niagara Not Clearing Until To-morrow Morning; to Load Much Mail Here

Owing to a delay in the arrival of the mails, the Canadian-Australian liner Niagara, Capt. C. T. Rolls, will not sail from Vancouver until midnight to-night, and the agents here advise that she is posted to clear from Victoria at 8 o'clock to-morrow morning. The green steamship may suffer still further delays before finally departing from this port. She has over 800 bags of mail to take on at the outer docks, and this will mean several hours' work.

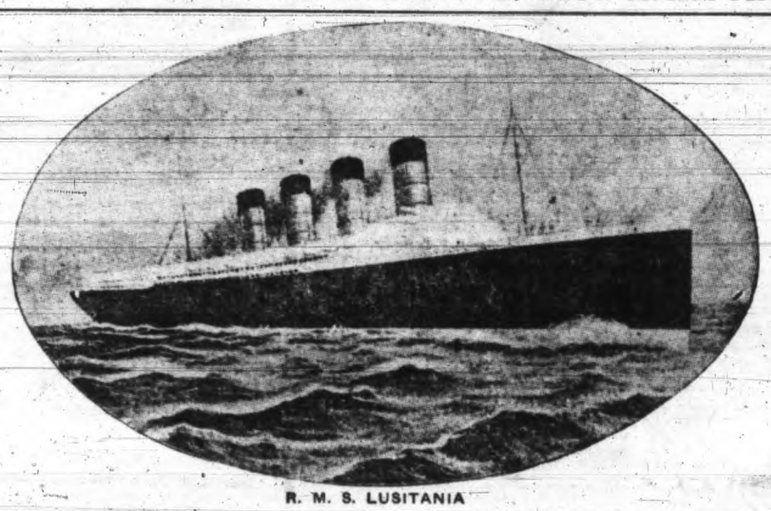
The bulk of the mail which has been assembled at this port for the Niagara arrived from Seattle this afternoon on the steamer Princess Victoria. Many of the bags are bound for Suva. Since the Australian liners have been omitting that call the mail for the Fiji Islands has been accumulating. The Niagara is loading here the largest shipment ever placed aboard an Antipodean ship at this port.

Fair Passenger List.

The Niagara is to carry out a fair list of passengers. At this port quite a few travellers will embark, including the following: John Nichol, William Turnbull, C. P. Lomas, William Davey, Oliver McKay, Miss Jeanie Edwards, H. Buckleton, manager of the Bank of New Zealand, at Auckland, is returning on the Niagara after spending several months in the old country, accompanied by Mrs. Buckleton and his daughter. In response to a question as to the possibility of Canada profiting by the severance of trade relations between New Zealand and Germany, he expressed the opinion that the Dominion would find a ready market for manufactured goods, provided it could supply articles formerly manufactured by the Germans. The preferential tariff against all foreign goods would also give the Dominion a great advantage. Canada as a part of the British empire being exempt from the special import taxes.

The Niagara is carrying a full cargo of general freight for the Antipodes and has a shipment of grain for New Zealand and Australia.

FAST CUNARD LINER REACHES NEW YORK AFTER STORMY TRIP FROM LIVERPOOL, WITH XMAS MAILS



R. M. S. LUSITANIA

New York, Dec. 23.—The steamer Lusitania arrived to-day after a stormy passage with four thousand sacks of Christmas mail and a number of well-known Americans returning for the holidays. The heavy seas encountered during the voyage battered one of her lifeboats to pieces.

Among the passengers was Charles M. Schwab, president of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation, returning from his second visit to London since the war began. He left here less than a month ago after making a quick trip to Canada where it was rumored he discussed with certain officials the question of building in Canada submarines for the British navy of steel made in the United States.

Attaches of the American embassy in London, Mrs. Walter Page, wife of the American ambassador at London; Baron Deville, and Paul Lefaivre, French minister to Mexico, also were aboard.

HORNELEN TO TAKE GRAIN CARGO TO NEW ZEALAND

Vancouver, Dec. 23.—The New Zealand government, which ordered big shipments of Canadian grain to help out the southern Dominion, owing to the drought in Australia, has arranged with the Union Steamship company of New Zealand to carry 100,000 bushels. The Norwegian steamer Hornelen, 2,418 tons, has been chartered to come to Vancouver next month and load 3,000 tons of grain here. This will clean up the shipment, for a consignment went forward on the Waitemata. The Hornelen left Newcastle, N. S. W., on December 2 for San Francisco.

The steamer Wyandotte, which left here November 15 via ports, arrived at Auckland yesterday. The Waitemata, from here December 13, cleared from San Francisco Sunday.

BACK ON BRIDGE AGAIN

Seattle, Dec. 23.—Fully recovered from an attack of rheumatism, Capt. Thomas Moore, who won national fame by his heroism in the rescue of the officers and crew of the wrecked revenue cutter Tahoma, has returned to his command on the Alaska Steamship company's freighter Cordova. He was laid off for one voyage. The rheumatic attack followed two strenuous voyages in which the Cordova first rescued fifty-eight officers and men of the Tahoma and then rescued the officers and crew of the steamship Dirigo, which foundered at sea. While Captain Moore was on leave of absence his command was taken by Capt. John Johnson, master of the company's freighter Seward.

One of the most demoralizing things in life is a bad economy of time.—A. Vinet.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

Dec. 22.

San Francisco, Cal.—Arrived: Strs. Queen, San Diego, Nome City, Portland; Eburna, Richmond Beach; Matsonia, Honolulu; Leelanaw, towing barge Acapulco, Nanaimo; Johan Poulsen, Seattle; Hardy, Coos Bay; schr. W. J. Patterson, Mollendo. Sailed: Strs. San Jose, Ancon; Admiral Dewey, Seattle; Col. E. L. Drake, towing barge No. 1, Seattle.

Portland, Ore.—Arrived: Strs. Santa Clara, New York; William Chatham, Seattle; Shoshone, San Francisco. Sailed: Strs. Breakwater, Coos Bay; Beaver, Northland and William Chatham, San Francisco.

Tacoma, Wash.—Sailed: Str. Santa Rita, Port San Luis via Seattle. Arrived: Strs. Grace Dollar, Seattle; Panama Maru, Admiral Farragut, Seattle; St. Helens, West Coast.

Seattle, Wash.—Arrived: Str. Hornet, San Francisco; Panama Maru, Tacoma; Admiral Farragut, Tacoma; Santa Rita, Tacoma. Sailed: Strs. Panama Maru, Hongkong via ports; Congress, San Diego via San Francisco; President, Vancouver and Sound ports; str. Santa Rita, Port San Luis; Hornet, Everett.

One must not judge men by the things of which they are ignorant, but by the things they know and by their manner of knowing them.—Vauvenargues.

TIMES SHIPPING CHART

DEEP SEA ARRIVALS.

Steamer	Master	Tonnage	Agents	From	Due
Seattle Maru	Saito	3,848	R. P. Rithet	Hongkong	Dec. 25
Yokohama Maru	Komatsubara	4,200	G. Northern	Hongkong	Dec. 29
Tambov	——	3,773	Balfour, Guthrie	Vladivostok	Dec. 31
Mexico Maru	Kobyashi	3,893	R. P. Rithet	Hongkong	Jan. 8
Director	Nicholson	3,138	Balfour, Guthrie	Liverpool	Jan. 10
Awa Maru	Tominaga	3,820	G. Northern	Hongkong	Jan. 13
Makura	Phillips	4,921	C. P. R.	Sydney	Jan. 14
Ixion	Reisenhausen	6,989	Dodwell & Co.	Liverpool	Jan. 18
Seattle Maru	Saito	3,848	R. P. Rithet	Hongkong	Jan. 22
Shidzuoka Maru	Doiuchi	4,200	G. Northern	Hongkong	Jan. 27
Crown of Seville	Smith	3,674	Balfour, Guthrie	Liverpool	Feb. 8
Moana	——	2,912	Dodwell & Co.	Liverpool	Feb. 10
Niagara	Rolls	7,583	C. P. R.	Sydney	Feb. 11
Oanfa	Lycett	5,809	Dodwell & Co.	Liverpool	Feb. 12
Deucalion	——	4,476	Dodwell & Co.	Liverpool	Mar. 18

DEEP-SEA DEPARTURES.

Niagara, C. P. R., Sydney ..... Dec. 23
Sado Maru, G. N., Hongkong ..... Dec. 29
Seattle Maru, R.P.Rithet, H'gk'g. Jan. 5
Yokohama Maru, G.N., Hongkong Jan. 12
Mexico Maru, R. P. Rithet, H'gk'g. Jan. 19
Makura, C. P. R., Australia ..... Jan. 20
Antiochus, Dodwell, Liverpool ..... Jan. 20
Niagara, C. P. R., Sydney ..... Feb. 17

SAILERS COMING.

Columbia, American schooner, from Salaverry, Peru, for Royal Roads. To load lumber at Vancouver for Australia.
Wulff, Norwegian barque, from Arica, Chile, to load lumber at Victoria. Left Arica Oct. 30.

COASTING VESSELS.

From Northern Ports.

Prince John, G.T.P., Q. Charlottes Dec. 25
Prince George, G.T.P., P. Rupert Dec. 27
Princess May, C.P.R., Skagway Jan. 4

For Northern Ports.

Prince John, G.T.P., Q. Charlottes Dec. 25
Princess May, C.P.R., Skagway Dec. 25
Prince George, G.T.P., P. Rupert Dec. 28

For West Coast.

Tees, Holberg ..... Jan. 1

From West Coast.

Tees, Holberg ..... Dec. 27

From San Francisco.

Governor, Pacific Coast ..... Dec. 28
President, Pacific Coast ..... Jan. 4

For San Francisco.

President, Pacific Coast ..... Dec. 25
Governor, Pacific Coast ..... Dec. 31

For Comox.

Charmer, C. P. R. ..... Dec. 29

TIDE TABLE.

December.

Date	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
	h. m.	ft.	h. m.	ft.	h. m.	ft.	h. m.	ft.
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Shipping men here look upon Capt. Saito, master of the Osaka Shosen Kaisha liner Seattle Maru, as a jolly good chap. The skipper flashed a radiogram here to-day stating that his ship would reach William Head to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock and dock at the outer wharves at 3.30 o'clock. Yesterday a wireless message was received by R. P. Rithet & Co., local agents of the line, stating that the ship would not dock until Friday. The men whose duty it is to attend to the shipping of this port became very indignant over the announcement. They were counting on a good holiday on Christmas Day, free from their usual arduous troubles. Now that Capt. Saito has been able to insure the arrival of his ship here to-morrow he has received the everlasting thanks of the shipping fraternity.

LOCAL NEWS

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Will Close Saturday.—The school board will join the city council in having the offices remain closed on Saturday. Unless unforeseen circumstances arise, it is not expected there will be another meeting of the present board after the meeting to-day.

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Returned With Prisoner.—Detective Carlow returned yesterday to the city from Medicine Hat, bringing with him George Butcher, who was formally charged in court this morning with a serious offence. He was remanded.

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Boy Scouts Deliver Hampers.—Splendid assistance was given Miss Lawson and the other Friendly Help workers who have been so busy this week sending out hampers, by the Boy Scouts, a squad of six lads having been at the rooms daily to assist in delivering the baskets to their destinations. The holiday is to them a season for good deeds as well as of gift-getting.

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Library on Christmas. — Miss Stewart, librarian, stated this morning that the public library would be open on Christmas Day from 1 p. m. to 9 p. m., for reading and reference purposes, though no books will be issued or received in the circulation department. Those in the city, and it is thought there are many, who wish to spend part of the holiday in the library, will find the arrangement that it be open most convenient. All who wish to read will be made welcome.

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Forestry Expert Leaving.—Henry E. Surface, of Madison, Wisconsin, chemical engineer of the forest service section of the United States department of agriculture, will be a passenger to-morrow on the R. M. S. Niagara. He has been engaged by the state government of Tasmania to conduct an investigation of the wood products of the Garden state with a view to making recommendations for the utilization of timber. He will be away some months on his investigations.

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Pandora Avenue Extension.—It does not appear certain that a by-law for the sale of land on Pandora avenue will have to be submitted at the annual election, as the arrangement made with James Forman to value some parcels with a view to closing up the assessment by-law may enable the aldermen to assess without a by-law. In the opinion of the city solicitor, however, sanction will have eventually to be obtained from the people in order that land on which there are no improvements may be disposed of. Such sanction is needed in the case of property, having no improvement on it, purchased for street widening or any other purpose.

Christmas Services.—The Christmas services at St. John's church will be:—Holy Communion at 8 a. m. and Morning Prayer and Holy Communion at 11 a. m. Rev. F. A. P. Chadwick will be assisted at both the communion services, at the early service by Ven. Archdeacon Scriven, and at the eleven o'clock service by Rev. the Hon. T. R. Heneage. Special interest attaches to the Christmastide services at St. John's because at this time the new church was consecrated two years ago, and Sunday being St. John's Day it forms a suitable anniversary for the church. At the morning service on Sunday special Christmas music will be rendered, and in the evening a Carol service will be held, when old carols, such as "The First Noel," "Good King Wenceslas," "Holy Night," etc., will be sung.

"Old Ironsides was the theme of a great patriotic poem." "Yes; that was a famous ship." "The loss of the Royal George inspired a noble poem." "Quite true." "Great battleships have had their names preserved in many immortal poems." "No doubt. But what are you driving at?" "Just this. You can't write a poem about a boat labelled B 14."

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UNEMPLOYMENT PROBLEM.

To the Editor:—Mr. Oliver is quoted in last night's Times as strongly opposed to giving any financial aid to the Salvation Army's wood cutting scheme to help the unemployed. Now it is a fact that the workers of Victoria have been up against it for many months past, and our mayor and aldermen have proved utterly incompetent to relieve the distress, even in a small measure. The Salvation Army grasps the situation—as it always does—and puts a number of men to work right away, and is told it can't compete with the established wood yards and had better quit, and let Mr. Oliver solve the problem. If Mr. Oliver or anyone else cares to go around Victoria's fuel yards, especially the coal yards, he will find from 20 to 50 Chinamen at work in each yard. One white man is kept to tool the auto-truck around, and another in the office to watch the yellow man doesn't rob him. The latter is working for something like 90 cents a day these hard times. One thousand Chinamen at $1 a day equals $24,000 monthly. About 90 per cent. of this is lost to the city for ever. A white man may need $3 a day to live on and keep his family, but he spends every nickel in his home city.

About 2,000 Chinamen have left Victoria and district within the last month or so, and we may assume each one took $50 with him. There's $200,000 smuggled out of the city, if we add John's fare, which we must this year, our own ships being subsidized; and yet some people are foolish enough to wonder at the lack of ready cash. The banks could tell us a still more startling tale, if only they would.

The foregoing is merely to warn Mr. Oliver not to talk to the unemployed about any philanthropic scheme interfering with existing fuel (or sweat) yards. These schemes don't usually pay big dividends, but they feed the starving and keep the money circulating.

It's about time Victoria stopped talking this retrenchment rot and did something. Vancouver has lopped $11,000 off the civic pay roll. The civics said they couldn't possibly live if their wages were reduced, but they are all looking well and hearty, and 150 families are living on the "lop off." Our worthy mayor and aldermen are afraid a "cut" would be commented on in the east. I say any banking institution would fight shy of a city that didn't know enough to retrench in exceptional times like these.

WALTER FOSTER.

Maywood, Dec. 23.

THE WAR—WHAT IT MEANS.

To the Editor:—It is hard for us, so far away, to realize the war as they realize it in England, though there are some very vivid bits in the Times tonight, about wounded returned and mourning everywhere in London. The papers are just a little behind the people there. It takes a little while to get things into print. Still it may help us to know what was in the Referee, a leading London Sunday paper, on 22nd November. First "Percival," who writes the weekly letter from Paris, quotes a post card from a man in the trenches: "I feel as if I had five frozen thumbs on each hand; my lips are swollen as thick as those beastly cups you used to get in railway stations; I suppose I have got some legs, but if anyone stepped on one and I knew it, I should feel quite grateful." Percival goes on: "Think a minute. Tommy is cold. Give him things to keep him warm. Tommy is wet. Make him things to keep him dry. Knitting socks is unpicturesque, but socks are what is wanted. Tommy wants socks. Big socks, thick socks, lots of socks; Tommy wants cigarettes, cheap cigarettes, lots of cigarettes; Tommy wants letters from home, lots of letters, long letters. There is a dear woman who has formed a little group of friends who are writing letters to Tommies at the front and in hospital who have not any friends of their own. This is a useful thing to help the country along. The people who hinder are just as much friends of Germany as if they were signalling to the enemy from the east coast. They do not see why a naturalized German Englishman should be considered an enemy. They believe that all we do at home is wrong, that there is something to be said for the Germans. There is something to be said to the Germans. Tommy is saying it. And the conditions of warfare are very, very grim, and very, very terrible just now. That is why I think they might make the censorship less severe. We want recruits. We want recruits. We want a damned lot of recruits. I was talking to a Tommy—a wounded Tommy who grinned up at me the other day from a bed in hospital. There was very little of him to be seen but the grin and bandages. He could not use his hands and one of his legs was in splints, and he told me there was an "ironmongry shop wandering about him somewhere," but the doctor had not found it all yet. What he said about it simply was that he had been having "a hell of a beano. There is one thing about this war," he said, "there is heaps of fun about for one as cares to look for it." The only thing that worried him was that he had not seen the Germans yet, but he was hoping, he said. Now there are thousands and thousands of that sort of Tommies, and that is why we are going to win. We want recruits, we want to smite the Huns hip and thigh before too much shrapnel has sported too many of the hips and thighs of our poor fellows at the front. We know the war is no joke. We know the misery it is causing at the front, at home, and everywhere it touches. And it touches and makes itself felt everywhere. Let us help where we can, when we can, and how we can, and we can help in every way and all the time.

Vanoc, who writes the main article, says the great war is teaching the people of England to judge more justly and fairly of each other. A working man said: "Talk of them fops! How they're dying in the trenches! "Three weeks ago Vanoc saw a draft for a regiment of the Guards march to the station en route to France. Eight young officers accompanied them. Seven are killed. These young officers and their men died that we may live and be free. The contrast between von Bernhardi and Roberts is the contrast between the power of friendship and the power of hate. Earl Roberts will personify for all time the spirit of friendship. He drew ungrudgingly the love of his men. They are engaging vocalists by the "Music in War Time" society and other organizations to sing in the camps, to please the soldiers, and there is a little naval theatre to cheer up the tars. Tarring and feathering is suggested for people who crab their own country. People are getting roused against this vice. The first official act of the new mayor of Westminster was to visit and address the large women's working party at the Hotel Windsor, which daily makes and packs garments for the forces on sea and land.

Horses are getting scarce in Europe; 200,000 have been commandeered from the various hunts and buyers are to be sent to South America. It is estimated that the average life of a horse at the front is eight days. It is thought that the original demands of the government for 100,000 men only was made small to prevent too much alarm, as ministers began by asking for money in driblets. Now they have asked for 350 million pounds and got them, and are asking for a second million of recruits. In August, 1913, England bought from the United States 461 motor cars, value $370,000; in August, 1914, only 27 ($38,000). Canada shows no great difference. England, Dagonet says, is not roused yet. Germany has been preparing for forty years. We had about forty hours in which to get ready, so we must not lose an instant now.

Dagonet has a good word for the doctors. He says:—

On the field of the slaughter, the wounded and worn,
Where our brave in the battle lay mangled and torn,
I saw a bright angel with white wings outspread
Bend a pitying gaze on the dying and dead.
But I saw a sweet smile light the sorrowful face,
And I followed the glance through the smoke-blackened space,
And I knew then the cause of the sweet smile to be
Just four little letters, just R. A. M. C.

So much for the Referee.

A bluejacket who was through the China expedition of 1900 and was wounded said that at Tientsin, when the Boxer trouble was brewing "people were very glad to see us. They were afraid, and it was 'perhaps you would like to come into the house and have a drink,' or 'could I get you something to eat?' They were very polite. Then came the bombardment, and we never saw them, and since the they are too good to know us." These friends at the Willows are doing just as much for us. I would suggest that the churches or other organizations, Sons of Columbus, Knights of England, and so on, each take a night at the recreation room the Y. M. C. A. have started, and see who can get most soldiers to its concert—the second time round. Two other good things we can do, knock off drinking anything alcoholic, so showing a good example, or at least never showing a bad one to a young soldier. After twenty-six years in the service I can with assurance say I have seen more careers ruined by drink than by any other one cause, and not only by whisky, but also by port. Another thing to do is to cut down your smoking and send the money to the Overseas club, which the Times says will send, out of bond, without duty, and so cheaper, ¼-lb. smoking tobacco, 50 cigarettes and a box of matches to sailors or soldiers at the front, for every shilling, 25 cents, with the donor's name on each little parcel. If any one sends me money to forward it shall go to the fleet to remind them of friends in Victoria and Esquimalt, and show the sympathy of Vancouver Island with them in their strenuous, anxious vigil. For their present watchfulness we are very grateful. What I feel is that this is only the climax. I have not been to sea for seven years, but every year one has heard of greater calls on the time of the fleet, more and more arduous service, greater and greater discomfort, and ever-increasing sacrifice of the amusements, interests and family life of officers and men to the felt needs of the service, at which they grumbled indeed in word, but to which all were in act unswervingly loyal. We are hoping to make a sufficient army by six months' training, but a navy takes years and years to learn its work and cannot be improvised.

That already now at the commencement of this long war we have so good a position at sea, as well as on shore in England, we owe, more than to any other single factor, to the splendid fidelity of the navy through these past years to the harassing duty it realized to be required of it. How harassing, how faithfully performed, none can rightly appreciate but those who have been privileged to be associated with those splendid men and officers. One hopes that both Canadian political parties may shortly agree together to take Canadian naval defence on the shoulders of Canadians. Meantime, while we are being protected at sea by Britain, whose taxation is then made unduly heavy, it does seem ungracious for a protected Canadian to be complaining of Mr. Day for inviting subscriptions for Christmas cheer for some of the London children, made poorer than need be by the taxation on their fathers to keep us safe.

Out of your great gratitude for our peaceful Christmas here, send some dinners to the London slums and much tobacco to the tars and the trenches.

W. E. H.

December 21.

Pat came home one night much the worse for wear. One eye was closed, his nose was broken and his face looked as if it had been stung by bees. "That's Flannigan's work. 'Twas him did it," explained Patrick. "Shame on ye," said his wife. "A big feller the size of yourself to get beat up by a little drunken spalpeen the size of him. Why, he——" "Whist, Nora!" chimed in Pat; "don't spake disrepectful of the dead."

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New York Evening Sun

A French war correspondent who was in the Balkans during the second war has given the world a graphic picture of the battle of the Bregalnitza, which decided the fate of Bulgaria and disclosed the true spirit of Servia to an astounded Austrian audience. The night before the battle began Servian officers dined with Bulgarians; no war had been declared; the armies facing each other were still friendly, fellow victors of recent Turkish battles.

But just before daylight the Bulgarian army moved suddenly forward, captured or killed the Servian advance guards, swept on and for some hours advanced until they occupied a ridge beyond the Bregalnitza which dominated the whole surrounding country. The purpose had been to crush Servian military power by an unexpected attack and terrorize a beaten enemy. They had built in the world, most strongly among their neighbors, a legend of Bulgarian invincibility; they hoped to make Bulgaria the Prussia of the Balkans.

The first onset found the Servians unprepared. Then followed some hours of confusion, but about noon the Bulgarians fn their newly won position saw the Servian masses descending the hills to the attack. Neither the momentary advantage won by the sudden breach of truce nor the Bulgarian reputation for military prowess had cowed the Serbs.

What followed has remained obscure to the world, interested in results, not details. In sum, before this Servian advance halted the Bulgarian armies were fleeing in two widely separated masses toward the frontier, the victors of Kumanovo had conquered those of Lule Burgas, and Servia had won Monastir and Macedonia.

Something of the same spirit which won the Bregalnitza is discernible in this new rally of Servia, this new triumph which comes at the precise moment when the world was fearful lest it should see another tragedy such as that of Belgium. Instead we have a scene that belongs to other centuries than our own. The white haired Peter rides before his troops, he is welcomed with cheers by his broken regiments, who rally, return to the charge, prevail, and now we have the Austrian hosts fleeing back from Belgrade, from Valjevo, from Servia. The Serbs have escaped a second Kossovo.

Planned to Crush Servia.

Aside from romantic circumstances what has happened in Servia is plain. When Germany launched her threat at Warsaw in October and the whole Russian line was compelled to go back a huge Austrian force, thus released, was sent south to overwhelm the Serbs, who from the time of their victory at the Jedar in August had maintained the fighting in Bosnian territory. It was the hope and the expectation of the Austro-German commanders that the Serbs would be crushed before Russian offensive became dangerous.

This calculation failed. By mid-November Russian armies were back in western Galicia, were across the Carpathians in Hungary, were threatening new raids toward Budapest and the prompt capture of Cracow. At this same time the Servian army, beaten, driven, was far back in Servian territory and Belgrade seemed about to fall, did fall shortly. But the Servian spirit was unconquered, the army shaken but defiant.

With its work still undone it was then necessary for the Austrian army to be weakened. Three army corps out of seven, despatches assert, were sent north to Hungary, toward Galicia by the Dukla pass. But the four that were left were incapable of holding back the Servian army, and having been routed are now in headlong flight, Belgrade, much bombarded, after a brief Austrian occupation is Serb once more, a second invasion of Bosnia is assured.

For the Austro-German commanders this newest reverse is a familiar detail. At the very outset of the great war the resistance of Belgium disarranged the whole German time table and diverted several corps needed in France. When Austrian troops were winning victories in Alsace it was the Serb triumph at the Jedar that called home two Austrian corps and ended the Alsatian campaign for the Germans.

Again it was Russian invasion in East Prussia that prevented the kaiser from having the necessary numbers at the Marne. He won Tannenberg in the east and lost his whole campaign in the west. Next his Calais enterprise was beaten apparently for all time by the Russian drive back to East Prussia, to Silesia, to Posen. Thanks to Russian masses the allies are now on the offensive in the west, the Germans halted east and west.

Despite various rumors it appears now the Russians did not send reenforcements to the Servians by the Danube. Instead they sent Cossacks into Hungary, took the Dukla pass again and by this pressure pulled up the Austrians in Servia, recalled the corps who are now reported descending the Carpathians in a desperate effort to retain Cracow and Przemysl, possibly the final effort of unfortunate Austria.

Bosnian Revolution Predicted.

The military consequences of Servia's escape may be measured in a new invasion of Bosnia. Unquestionably within a short time now the allied fleet in the Gulf of Cattaro and the Serb and Montenegrin armies will open communications. A revolution in Bosnia, inhabited by Serbs, is wholly likely, now that King Peter's troops are returning victorious and the humiliation of Austrian armies in all fields is known.

But it is the effect of Servian victory on Bulgaria, Roumania, Greece which is of immediate interest now. There is to be no Austrian progress through the valley of the Morava toward Sofia. The chances of persuading Bulgaria by Turkish pressure on the south, Austrian on the west, to join with the two kaisers has vanished. Turkish troops are not to be brought by the Orient railway to the battle lines of the west.

Roumania now receives a new example of Austrian weakness. When Servian troops are back in Bosnia it will be difficult to hold back Roumanian soldiers and statesmen, whose eyes have long been fixed up Transylvania and Bukovina. A bargain with Bulgaria, now Austro-German fortunes are declining, will not be difficult. Bucharest, not less than Nish, will be influenced by the new turn of affairs in Servia, Greece will have fresh temptation to join her old allies, the Serbs, in closing the road to Salonica to the Hapsburg.

In the great war this Servian incident is after all a minor detail, yet it is a wholly significant one. More and more the inability of the Germans to meet their enemies and crush them appears. In France, in Russia, two tremendous efforts have failed after a terrible expense of life and material. Meantime Austria is visibly, hourly slipping lower and lower, going from defeat to defeat, apparently approaching the hour of complete exhaustion.

There is poetic justice in King Peter's victory. All this terrible conflict broke out at the signal of Austria, and the signal was the attack upon little Servia. Now, after five months Servia stands erect, there are new victories on her banners, new glories in her history and her wonderful store of song and legend will be enriched by new and shining pages. But for the Americans, what stirs, what appeals, is the fact that another little people has fought for its life and not failed—dared everything and won, insured the future of a race which was great five centuries ago, and all through the night of Turkish dominion kept a corner of light and liberty on the summits of the Black Mountains.

In a private school a little girl was asked to define the word agriculture. "Agriculture? Agriculture?" she repeated thoughtfully. "Why, agriculture is the society word for farming."

NIGHT ATTACKS.

An officer at the front writes: "I went out this afternoon (really to get a ride for a change), nominally to try and find 90 rounds of shell which a battery had left in a field where they had been in action. It was quite close to the infantry trenches, and my mare did not like the noise of the guns at all. There was an English aeroplane overhead observing for a battery that was finding the range of a German battery, and the German guns were firing at the aeroplane all the time, but mostly short. I was coming home in the dusk and just thinking that I was clear of all noise, etc., when there was a terrific explosion near me. When I recovered myself I found a siege battery in action behind a hedge, and they had just let off some of their guns. They hide so well nowadays that one never knows when to expect them. One of our batteries has the range of a village in the German lines where a lot of Germans are billeted, and told me that in the middle of the night, when the Germans are all safely in bed, they are going to open fire on it. One of the infantry brigades has just come for a lot of small arm ammunition, and they say that the Germans are forming up in "columns of lumps," as they call it, in front of the Middlesex trenches, and that the Middlesex have barbed wire in front of them and have orders to wait until the last moment, and then let them have it! We have been here a week now, and every night the Germans attack our trenches. Looking from a top back window of my house—I am about three miles from the trenches here—it is a wonderful sight. The sky lights up first in our lines and then in the Germans' as guns go off, then a bright spark as a shell bursts, and the constant rattle of rifle guns. It is wonderful how the Germans attack. They lose hundreds every night. We have had a lot of casualties, but nothing to what they have. There were 56 dead Germans lying within a few yards of one small trench of ours this morning."

GERMANS CANNOT ENDURE FAILURE

WILL BE READY TO QUIT WHEN SUCCESS DIES

Lovat Fraser Throws New Light on Length of the Conflict

Lowat Fraser writes as follows in the London Daily Mail:

As this inquiry is constantly being made, I should like to say why I venture to differ from the "high French military authority" whose views have been published in the Daily Mail. He estimates that the war will last nearly three years. I do not think so, simply because I doubt whether this question can be looked at solely from the military point of view.

If the war proceeded in accordance with the principles laid down in the military text books undoubtedly it would take three years to finish. The probability is that factors which had nothing whatever to do with military principles will eventually determine its duration. Those determining factors will be, first, the attitude of the German people, and, secondly, the desires of the allies.

The Russian Triumph.

The overwhelming repulse of the Austro-German forces in the east, at the hands of the Russian armies, has narrowed the area in which a decision has still to be obtained. Russia has definitely thrown back her assailants, and henceforth in the east the Germans must be on the defensive. We must not expect too much help from Russia who has given her western allies priceless help already, and may now elect to devote her chief attention to Austria-Hungary and to Turkey.

But the failure of the German attack upon Russia means that if the Germans cannot now succeed in Belgium they will have failed everywhere. Immense issues therefore hang upon the terrific conflict still proceeding around Ypres and around La Bassee, for it represents Germany's last hope. Those valiant lines of British troops, those gallant French, those cheery and indomitable Belgians, are fighting to destroy the last chance remaining to the Germans of attaining any single one of their objects.

If the allies win, if we can send enough men across the Channel to help them, if they can convert their magnificent stand into an irresistible advance, then every separate purpose for which Germany fought will have been decided against her. That is why it is of such enormous importance to throw every trained man we can provide into the battle-line without a day's delay.

Victory now will not end the war. We shall still have to send the first half-million of the new armies, and the second half-million after that, to drive the Germans back into their own country, invade their territories and finally compel them to sue for peace. But the primary fact to remember is that victory now means that the Germans can never hope to win.

Deceived Germans.

When once that situation is firmly and clearly established anything may follow. In the last resort we have to deal not only with the Prussian madmen and dreamers who wickedly began this war, but with the sixty millions of Germans who have been deceived. They were led to expect victory everywhere within three months.

They are still misled by lying bulletins. They see the interminable train loads of wounded coming back, they see the endless lists of their dead, but still their credulity is so unfathomable that they are duped into the belief that triumph may be at hand. A withdrawal from the present German line in Belgium, coupled with the Russian advance to their eastern frontier, will assuredly awaken them from their dreams. They will feel like a man who has stumbled into ice-cold water and come up gasping.

I am well aware of all we have been told about the inflexible unity of purpose of the German people. I know all about "the last breath of man and horse," and arming the cats and dogs, and the rest of it. But I think I know something of human nature too, and it is not even in German human nature to go on fighting for years in a war in which by no possible exertion can victory be attained.

And if the German people could be persuaded to go on fighting for an indefinite period in a perfectly hopeless war, then the handful of men who control German policy would not let them do it. The essential principle of German diplomacy for many years has been instantly to cut the losses after a definite failure. Time after time we have seen this policy pursued, and I believe it will be tried now.

The kaiser may delay the process at first if he has any fears for his dynasty, but I feel convinced that, the moment the German staff finally admit that they cannot advance any more in Belgium the German government will immediately endeavor to cut their losses. If the Russian menace compels them to withdraw good troops from the western theatre they may begin the game to-morrow. Their alleged overtures to France and Russia even suggest that they have begun already.

The Flaming Heart of Germany.

Some people tell us that we do not understand the intensity of conviction which has set the hearts of the German race aflame, and that we must not count upon it, for it would be foolish to do so. We ought to press forward our preparations exactly as though we expected a three years' war, and it is quite possible that three years hence we may still be fighting.

But I think we understand the flaming heart of Germany very well, and know precisely what its conviction amounts to. With all their planning, and their bluffing, their science and their machinery and their guns and their text books, the Germans are like a pack of children. Even their cruelties are the senseless cruelties of children, and they tear a thing to tatters because they cannot get something else.

Would a grown-up people let itself be shouldered off the pavement and bullied in restaurants by swaggering young officers? Is there any other land where millions of solemn asses could be persuaded to practice the ridiculous goose-step? Is there any other race which could have been so wholly beguiled by plotters and professors? Their wild and emotional outburst of hatred against Britain is essentially infantile, and will spend itself like a child's passion.

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AMERICAN VERDICT ON THE WAR

Ninety-three of the most prominent men of Germany, distinguished in various branches of science, art, education and literature, have recently circulated broadcast throughout America a letter, entitled "An Appeal to the Civilized World," in which they attempt to change public opinion in the United States on the subject of the war. Mr. Church, president of the Carnegie institute, at Pittsburg, and author of "The Life of Oliver Cromwell," has made reply to the German appeal, which is addressed to Dr. Fritz Schaper, of Berlin. He says:

"It gives me a feeling of pity to note the importunity with which the people of Germany are seeking the good opinion of America in this strife. It is greatly to their credit that they wish to stand right in the judgment of this nation. But Germany need have no fear that American public opinion will be perverted by the lies and calumnies of her enemies. We are all going deeper than the surface of our search for the truth. Your letter speaks of Germany as being in a struggle 'which has been forced upon us.' That is the while question; all others are subsidiary. If this struggle was forced upon Germany, then, indeed, she stands in a position of mighty dignity and honor, and the whole world should acclaim her and succor her, to the utter confusion and punishment of the foes who have attacked her. But if this outrageous war was not forced upon her, would it not follow in the course of reason that her position is without dignity and honor, and that it is her foes who should be acclaimed and supported to the extreme limit of human sympathy?

"I believe, dear Dr. Schaper, that the judgment on this paramount question has been formed. That judgment is not based upon the lies and calumnies of the enemies of Germany, nor upon the careless publications contained in the newspapers, but upon a profound study of the official correspondence in the case. What do the official documents prove?"

After reviewing the evidence Mr. Church concludes:

"Who began it? Was it England? Scarcely so, for England, in so far as her army is concerned, had yielded to the popular plea for arbitration; she was not ready for war and will not be ready for another six months. Was it France? Was it Russia? Not one of the 93 distinguished men who have sent me this letter, if they will read the evidence, will say so. It was Austria, who, by her unreasonable and inexorable attack on Servia, began the war, supported at every step by Germany, who, in her turn, gave notice to the powers of Europe that any interference with Austria would be resented by Germany to the full limit of war."

Mr. Church proceeds:

"The next point in your letter reads thus: 'It is not true that we trespassed in neutral Belgium.' Have these 93 men studied well the letter they have signed? Could intellects so superbly trained deliberately certify to such an unwarranted declaration? Has any one of my 93 honored correspondents read the appeal to the American people by Imperial Chancellor von Bethman-Hollweg, published in the American newspapers on August 15? I fear not, for in that statement the chancellor said: 'We were compelled to override the just protests of the Luxemburg and Belgian governments. The wrong—I speak frankly—that we are committing as will endeavor to make good as soon as our military goal has been reached.'

"What will the good conscience of the German people say when, in spite of its passion in the rage of war, it grasps the awful significance of the confession of its imperial chancellor? 'The wrong that we are committing.' The wreck and ruin of a country that has done you no injury, the slaughter of her sons, the expulsion of her king and government, the blackmail of her substance, the destruction of her cities, with their happy homes, their beautiful monuments of historic times, and the priceless works of human genius! 'The wrong that we are committing.' Worst of all, when the desperate and maddened populace, seeing their sons slain and their homes in flames, fired from their windows in the last instinct of nature, your troops, with barbaric ferocity, put them to the sword without distinction of age or sex! 'The wrong!' Oh, Doctor Schaper, if these conditions should ever be reversed and these foreign soldiers should march through the streets of Berlin, would not you, would not all of my 93 correspondents, if they saw their homes battered in ruins and their sons dead in the streets, would they, too, not fire from their windows upon the merciless invaders? I am sure I would do so!

"Your reference to German militarism brings up in my mind the conviction that this war began potentially 25 years ago when Emperor William II. ascended the throne, declared himself supreme war lord, and proceeded to prepare his nation for war. His own children were raised from their babyhood to consider themselves soldiers and to look forward to a destiny of slaughter; and here in America we know even his daughter only by her photograph in a colonel's uniform. And as with his own children, so all the youth of his empire were brought up.

"Going far away from your great philosopher, Kant, who, in his Categorical Imperative, has taught us all a new golden rule, the national spirit of Germany on the undisguised bloodthirst of General von Bernhardi, on the wicked war dreams of Treitschke, and on the weak morality of von Bulow; and we behold in every scrap of evidence that we can gather from your emperor, his children, his soldiers, his statesmen, and his professors that Germany held herself a nation apart from the rest of the world and superior to it, and predestined to maintain that superiority by war. In contrast to this narrow and destructive spirit of nationalism we in America have learned the value of humanity above the race so that we cherish all mankind in the bosom of our country. Therefore we can do nothing but execate the conduct of your emperor, who has driven his troops to slaughter their brethren and be slaughtered by them in this bloody and unspeakable conflict.

And so, at last, my dear Dr. Schaper, we find ourselves shocked, ashamed, and outraged that a Christian nation should be guilty of this criminal war. There was no justification for it. Armed and defended as you were, the whole world could never have broken into your borders. And while German culture still has something to gain from her neighbors, yet the intellectual progress which Germany was making seemed to be lifting up her own people to better things for themselves and to an altruistic service to mankind. Your great nation floated its ships in every ocean, sold its wares in the uttermost parts of the earth, and enjoyed the good favor of humanity, because it was trusted as a humane state. But now all this achievement has vanished, all this good opinion has been destroyed. You cannot in half a century regain the spiritual and material benefits which you have lost. Oh, that we might have again a Germany that we could respect, a Germany of true peace, of true progress, of true culture, modest and not boastful, forever rid of her war lords and her armed hosts, and turning once more to the uplifting influence of such leaders as Luther, Goethe, Beethoven, and Kant!. But Germany, whether you win or lose in this war, has fallen, and the once glorious nation must continue to pursue its course in darkness and murder until conscience at last bids it withdraw its armies back to its own boundaries, there to hope for the worlds pardon upon this inexpiable damnation.

THE INFANTRY AT WORK.

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MISS WINNIE TREMBERTH, lately with Miss Clark, of Gordons, Limited, will take orders for dressmaking and alterations. All work guaranteed. Prices reasonable. 714 Powderly Ave., Victoria West. j8

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HERMAN & STRINGER, French dry cleaners. Ladies' fine garment cleaning, alterations on ladies' and gents' garments our specialty. We call and deliver. 848 Yates street. Phone 1586. Open evenings.

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B. C. STEAM DYE WORKS—The largest dyeing and cleaning works in the province. Country orders solicited. Tel. 200. J. C. Renfrew, proprietor.

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MILLWOOD AND CORDWOOD—Phone 4130R. j16

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ROCK BLASTING. J. Paul, 1904 Quadra. j4

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JEWELLERY made to order and repaired. Diamond mounting, ring making, etc. English watch repairing our specialty. Ives & Telfer, 1428 Government street.

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DON'T FORGET TO PHONE 1705. James Bay Window Cleaning Co., 641 Government street. d31

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SONS OF ENGLAND B. S.—Alexandra Lodge, 116, meets first and third Wednesdays, Friends' Hall, Courtney St. D. Brown, 2516 Shelbourne St., president; Jas. P. Temple, 1053 Burdett St., secretary.

LOYAL ORDER OF MOOSE, No. 738, meets at K. of P. Hall, North Park street, every Tuesday. Dictator, F. Bates, 1465 Woodland road. C. E. Copeland, secretary, 1330 Minto street; P. O. Box 1017.

LOYAL ORANGE ASSOCIATION—L. O. L., 1610, meets in Orange Hall, Yates street, second and fourth Mondays. A. J. Warren, W. M., 1133 Leonard St.; W. C. Warren, R. S., 39 Cambridge St.

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A. O. F., COURT NORTHERN LIGHT, No. 5953, meets at Foresters' Hall, Broad street, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. W. F. Fullerton, Sec'y.

A. O. F.—Court Vancouver, No. 5755, meets at Foresters' Hall, Broad street, 1st and 3rd Mondays. W. A. Hicks, secy.

THE ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR meets on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 8 o'clock in K. of P. Hall, North Park street. Visiting members cordially invited.

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APARTMENTS FOR RENT

FOR SALE—Cadillac delivery wagon, new non-skid tires on rear; price $750. T. Plimley's Garage, 730 Johnson St. d24

YOUR WINTER QUARTERS — Save money and enjoy the comforts and excellent service of Bellevue Court. Steam heated and overlooking the sea. Suites furnished or unfurnished. J. O. Dunford, manager, 312 Union Bank. Phones 4542 and 3657R1. j12

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TO RENT—2 modern suites, 3 rooms, bath and pantry, well heated, water free, also blinds and gas range supplied; a snap at $20 a month. Apply the Linden Grocery, May street and Linden avenue. Phone 1247. j8

TO LET—Furnished suites, including light and heat, from $15 per month up. 1176 Yates street. d31

MELLOR APARTMENTS, 821 Broughton street, adjoining Royal Victoria Theatre. Only one suite vacant, 2 rooms, kitchen and bath, hot water, modern hot water heating. Apply Mellor Bros. Co., 819 Broughton street. o1 tf

APARTMENTS TO LET—McDonald Blk. Free phone and water. Telephone L781. s8tf

FOR RENT—A comfortable suite of 3 rooms and pantry, with bath, light, phone, etc. Apply 531 Niagara street or phone 2885. j11tf

LOST AND FOUND

WILL THE PARTY who took the grey cheviot 20th century overcoat from the K. of P. Hall last night please return same to Whittaker's Barber Shop, Government street, as he is known. d24

LOST—Small hand-bag, initials J. McC. W., between Oak Dell Hotel and Sooke harbor. Finder will be rewarded on returning to Duncan & Gray, Wharf street. d23

FOUND—Pomeranian dog. Owner can have same by proving property and paying expenses. Apply 1346 Fisgard street. d1

ROOMS AND BOARD.

ROOM AND BOARD for Normal school students. Apply to Mrs. Wilson, corner Neil and Dean avenue, opposite main entrance, about three minutes' walk. Apply at house, or address Willows Park P. O.: Neil street. d24

WANTED—Gentleman to share room with another, separate beds, full board, home comforts, centrally located. Phone 3076L.

GOOD BOARD AND ROOM. American cooking, reasonable rates. 2531 Government street. j5

ROOMS—With or without board, terms low. 2516 Government. Phone 3957.

MISCELLANEOUS.

COLE CAR No. 5950, Sooke stage. Leave Victoria, 9.00 a.m., 3.00 p. m.; leave Sooke, 11.00 a.m., 6.00 p.m. Stand, Dixi Ross, Broad street. d29

YOUNG LADY, who has lived in France, wishes to hear of pupils for French conversation, moderate terms; also thoroughly recommended to coach young pupils in all subjects, including music. Apply Box 310, Times. d23

ESQUIMALT OYSTERS are now at their best; get your Christmas orders in early. d24

FOR SALE—1911 Russell, 5-passenger, Silent Knight, all tires new, non-skid on rear; price $800. T. Plimley, Johnson street. d24

COOK YOUR CHRISTMAS TURKEY with Burt's stove wood. j18

EAT at 715 Broughton St., off Douglas; 3 course meals, home cooking, 25c. Mrs. Joe McDowell. j6

GOOD HUNTING, $2.50 per day, Saturdays excepted. Trespassers prosecuted. James Dougan, Cobble Hill. d30

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HELP WANTED—MALE.

WANTED—A good calendar salesman to travel the Island at once, calling upon tradesmen. State qualifications to J. A. Sewell, Duncan, B. C. d23

HAVE PEACE in the family by buying our stove wood. Burt's. j18

FOR SALE—ARTICLES.

COKE—100-lb. sack, delivered, 50c. Phone 1551L. d31

FOR SALE—One 1913 Hudson, 4-cylinder, 5-passenger, electric lights, electric starter, just revarnished, condition equal to new, 2 spare tires; price $1,250. Plimley's, Johnson street. d24

WE HAVE THE BEST WOOD and the best delivery. Burt's. j18

NOTHING MORE DELICIOUS than Esquimalt oysters; order some for Christmas. For sale at all dealers. d24

GUARANTEED NEW LAID EGGS, delivered, 65c. per doz. P. O. Box 1294. d24

FOR SALE—Malleable and steel ranges, $1 down, $1 per week. 2001 Government street.

XMAS TREES at Foxgord's, 1608 Douglas, delivered in city 25c. to $1.50. Phone 706. d24

BLACK SOIL and manure. Phone 1864. a24

FOR SALE—Black soil and manure. Phone 5219Y2. j9

RIFLES AND FISHING TACKLE—Lieutenant C. F. G. Wheeler, who leaves for the front this week, offers for sale about one hundred dollar's worth of tools, rifles, fishing tackle, files, etc. These can be seen at the orderly room of the Victoria Volunteer Guard, Strathcona Hotel Block, and the first offer will be accepted. d24

FOR SALE—Black soil and manure. Phone 5219Y2. j11

FOR SALE—George III. guinea, over 100 years old. What offers? Box 381, Times. d23

FOR SALE—Detroit electric coupe, 4-passenger, fitted with new batteries and repainted; price $1,500. T. Plimley, 730 Johnson street. d24

FOR SALE—Dress suit, good condition, $12.50. Box 321, Times. d24

FOR SALE—Upright grand piano, less than half price, $8 monthly. 1817 Quadra. d23

ESQUIMALT OYSTERS are delivered fresh from the beds daily. For sale at all dealers. d24

WE SELL TOBACCO 60 cents per pound in tin trunks or packages; give you a pipe free with each package. 1419 Store street, next E. & N. Depot. d23

FOR SALE—Ladies' gold shell bracelets, $4.50; wrist watches, $2.75; neck chains and lockets, $3.50; solid gold rings, $2.50; solid gold cuff buttons, $4.50; Waltham watches, $7.50; nugget chains, $6; gold-filled fobs, $2.50; prism glasses and case, 10-power, $12.50; mother-of-pearl opera glasses with handle, $8.75; gold watches, 14 kt., $25; diamond rings, $9, $14.75, $27.50 and $45; small brass clocks, 75c.; Gillette razors, $2.75; Potter kettle-drum, cost $27.50, price $12.50; guitar, $7.50; violin, $12.50; banjo in mahogany case, $14.75; sterling silver English Hall marked pipes, 75c.; British Navy large size shells, polished, $4; bicycle cards, 10c. 1,000 tie pins, your choice, 50c. each. All goods neatly packed for Christmas. Jacob Aaronson's new and second-hand store, 572 Johnson street, Victoria, B.C. Phone 1747. Watchmaker and jeweller.

FOR SALE—AUTOMOBILES.

FOR SALE—Six-cylinder, five-passenger, light touring car, in perfect condition, cheap for cash. Phone 471 or 3972L. d24

FOR SALE—A 1914, 5-passenger, Ford car, good as new; price $400 cash. 223a Pemberton Bldg. d23

FOR SALE—Russell car, late model, in good running order, fully equipped; price $1,200 cash, or would accept clear title property and part cash. Box 179, Maywood P. O. d23

FOR SALE—8 h. p. Rover, perfect order, all new tires; price $200. T. Plimley's Garage, 730 Johnson street. d24

FOR RENT—HOUSES (Unfurnished.)

MODERN COTTAGE, five rooms, bath and pantry, also gas, central, 1051 Yates street. Apply 1141 Rockland. Phone 3198R. d24

FOR RENT—Hampshire road, splendid 8 roomed house, all modern, $15 per month. 223a Pemberton Bldg. d23

TO LET—Possession immediately, 6 roomed house, bath, pantry, toilet, full basement, furnace, two minutes from tram; rent low. T. M. Jones, 2658 Avebury Ave. Phone 3998L. d23

TO RENT—3 roomed cottage, 1135 Johnson street, $10 per month, including water. Apply 1621 Blanshard street. d28

TO LET—Modern, 7 roomed house, 90 Dallas road, near Hotel Dallas. Apply 1228 Montrose avenue. Phone 3236L. d28

SHACK TO RENT. 713 Vancouver St. d26

SMALL HOUSE, cosy, electric light, etc., $9. Rear of 2341 Lee avenue. d28

1749 LILLIAN ROAD, corner Robertson street, in Hollywood district, 7-room, fully modern, with furnace, cement basement, well finished, rent for $20 suitable tenant. Apply owner, T. H. Slater, Phone 4839. d26

FIVE ROOMED, furnished cottage to let, cheap. Apply 104 Dallas road. j4

FOR RENT—Cottage, Rudlin avenue. Apply 1152 Yates street. d24

FOR SALE—1913 Chalmers, 6-cylinder, 5-passenger, self starter, electric lights, perfect running order; price $1,250. T. Plimley's Garage, Johnson St., city. d24

FOR RENT—Well furnished house, vacant January 1; rent moderate. 713 Vancouver street. j17

HOUSE TO RENT—1420 Elford street, 7 rooms, electric light and gas, in first-class condition. Phone 731L. n26 tf

FOR RENT—HOUSES (Furnished)

TO RENT—For 6 months or a year, completely furnished house with 4 bedrooms, half a block from Fort street car line, in the best residential district. N. B. Gresley, Pemberton Block.

TO RENT—For 6 months or a year, completely furnished house, with 4 bedrooms, half a block from Fort street car line, in the best residential district. Box 254, Times. d28

FURNISHED SHACK. Apply 713 Vancouver street. d24

TO LET—Furnished cabin, all conveniences. 1036 Hillside avenue. d21

FOR RENT—(Miscellaneous.)

TO RENT—Farm comprising 400 acres, of which 60 acres are cleared and under cultivation, 200 acres grazing, good eight-room house, stablings and cow barn; situated at the terminus of Saanich Electric railway, two stations on property, which has over two miles of waterfront; will rent to suitable tenant for $60 per month. Apply Arthur Lineham, corner Cook street and Dallas road. j5

BAKERY—In good location, bakery, moderate rent. Gillespie, Hart & Todd. j2

STORE—Suitable for any retail business, good location, moderate rent. Gillespie, Hart & Todd. j2

TO RENT—Farm, 80 acres, near Victoria. Apply 630 Johnson street. d23

STEAM-HEATED LODGE ROOMS to rent in the A. O. U. W. Hall, terms moderate. Apply Box Office, Princess Theatre. j5

ONE AND TWO-ROOM OFFICES to let in Times Building. Apply at Times Office.

HOUSEKEEPING ROOMS

QUIET HOME—Bedroom, use of sitting room, kitchen and phone, suit married couple or two ladies; $10 per month. 1310 Gladstone. Phone L1733. d24

LARGE OR SMALL, furnished, housekeeping rooms. Maplehurst, 1037 Blanshard. d29

LARGE FRONT ROOM, suitable light housekeeping, suit one or two gentlemen or ladies. 907 View street. d27

BUSINESS CHANCES.

A SNAP—Auto repair shop, marine ways; will sell or trade for real estate or a launch. Apply 310 Belleville street, Victoria. Light motor truck and few marine engines for sale.

$250, PAYABLE BY INSTALMENTS, required to establish an everlasting business; can sell large quantities at lower than present prices; references given. Box 377, Times. d23

DANCING.

WALTZ AND TWO-STEP guaranteed in 4 lessons by J. L. Reese, St. John's Hall, Herald street. j24

DANCING in St. John's Hall every Saturday at 8.30 p. m. Mrs. Ridgard's orchestra. d24

PUBLIC DANCE at Connaught Hall every Saturday evening. Gentlemen 50c., ladies free.

EXCHANGE

TO TRADE FOR CITY PROPERTY—1913, 7-passenger car, in splendid running order, good tires and tubes, cost $2,800. What have you to offer for same? Apply Box 1066, G. P. O. d24

TO EXCHANGE—30 feet on Douglas street, in good business location, for residence in Oak Bay. A. W. Bridgman, 1007 Government street. d24

A FINE XMAS GIFT—Exchange or sale, almost new Gerhard Heintzman piano-player and 50 rolls, cost recently $1,050. I will offer a big reduction and sell on terms to responsible party and take plain piano as part payment. Box 6886, Times. d23

TO EXCHANGE—Clear title lot for good second-hand auto. Box 371, Times. d23

TEN MODERN BUNGALOWS—A lot and any terms for balance takes one. J. O. Stinson, Phone 1673. d23

WILL EXCHANGE almost new auto for clear title lot. Box 369, Times. d23

FOR SALE—1912 Russell, 5-passenger, Silent Knight engine, guaranteed perfect order; price $1,100. Plimley's Garage, Johnson street. d24

WANTED—To exchange, Victoria property for stock ranch in Southern Alberta (west of fifth meridian). What offer? Box 161, Times. d31

FOR SALE—LIVESTOCK

POMERANIAN PUPPIES. 1522 Haultain street. Phone 3319. d24

FURNISHED ROOMS

STEWART ROOMING HOUSE, 539 Yates street, $1.75 per week up. j24

DUNSMUIR ROOMS, 730 Fort street, all modern, cosy and warm; weekly rates, $2.50 and up. j12

ARLINGTON ROOMS, 819 Fort. Bright outside rooms, hot and cold water, steam heat, renovated throughout, from $2.75 to $4 weekly. Phone 18190. d27

HELP WANTED—FEMALE.

WANTED—A cook-general. Apply 340 Quadra. Phone 4721R. d24

WANTED—Girl for house work. Apply 1013 Queen's avenue. d24

WANTED — Cook-general, for small family. Box 403, Times. d24

WANTED—Immediately, woman, for general house work. Apply 1221 Rockland avenue. Phone 2864. d23

GIRL WANTED for house work. Apply 1904 Duchess street. d30

TRY BURT'S for your next fuel order and get satisfaction. j18

YOUR CHRISTMAS DINNER will not be complete without some of those delicious Esquimalt oysters, fresh from the beds daily. At all dealers. d24

MONEY TO LOAN.

MONEY TO LOAN—We have the following amounts to loan on first mortgage, $300, $500, $1,000, $1,200, $1,500, $2,100 and $2,800; must be first-class security. National Realty Co., 1232 Government St. d24

MONEY TO LOAN—$3,500 at 8 per cent. Dalby & Lawson, 615 Fort street. d23

SITUATIONS WANTED—(Male.)

CHINESE YOUTH wants house work or work of any kind. Box 392, Times. d29

FOR SALE—1911 Russell, 7-passenger, good running order; price $350. T. Plimley, 730 Johnson street. d24

WANTED TO RENT—HOUSES

WANTED—Three or four roomed, comfortably furnished or partly furnished, modern bungalow, careful tenant, no children, must be moderate, close in, James Bay preferred. Address X. Y. Z., Koenigs, B. C.

A FEW MORE—I require a few close-in houses to rent. J. O. Stinson, Phone 1673. d23

WANTED—HOUSES.

WANTED—Bungalow, in good residential district; will make good cash payment; must be snap. Box 362, Times. d23

WANTED—LOANS.

WANTED—To borrow, $5,000 at 10 per cent. for 2 years, $28,060 security, best in the country, with $50 brokerage, one year's interest in advance. Write to 408 Sayward Block. d23

WANTED—MISCELLANEOUS.

WANTED—Two rooms, with bath, or small flat, furnished, with or without board, neighborhood Yates and Douglas streets, suitable for man, wife and two-year-old child; give all particulars; terms must be reasonable. Address Box 400, Times. d26

WOULD LIKE care of one or two children, good home. Box 384, Times Office. d23

WANTED—A small range or cook stove. Box 364, Times. d28

CASH PAID for old gold teeth, nuggets, gold, gold dust, diamonds; silver, platinum, watches, and new or old broken jewelry. M. Stern, 609 Yates street, upstairs. Phone 4810. Will call any part of city. j17

FOR SALE—LOTS

FOR SALE—Delivery wagon, fifteen hundredweight capacity, solid tires on rear; price $750. T. Plimley, 730 Johnson street. d24

FOR SALE—HOUSES

A GENUINE SACRIFICE—6 roomed, brand new, modern home, near mile circle and handy to High school, going at the sacrifice price of $2,500; will take clear title city lot up to about $1,000 if good value and about $100 cash as first payment, balance to suit. National Realty Co., 1232 Government St. d24

A WORKINGMAN'S OPPORTUNITY—4 roomed cottage on Langford street, Victoria West, reduced from $1,700 to $1,000; $150 cash, balance small monthly payments. National Realty Co., 1232 Government street. d24

ANOTHER BIG SACRIFICE in Victoria West; 3 roomed, furnished shack, on splendid lot 44x132, all in garden, chicken house, runs, etc., plenty of good firewood, etc., city water, lot alone worth $1,400; owner leaving for Europe will sacrifice for $900, $100 cash, balance $15 per month. National Realty Co., 1232 Government street. d24

FOR SALE—A modern, 6 roomed house on South Hampshire road, Oak Bay, at a sacrifice price of $3,200, on terms to suit. 223a Pemberton Bldg. d23

FOR SALE—ACREAGE

FOR SALE—Runabout, 25 h. p., 4-cylinder, 3 speeds, good order; price $375. T. Plimley, Johnson street, city. d24

ABOUT 2½ ACRES excellent land, good 8-room house, fine barn, pig houses and chicken houses; price $4,000, $500 cash, balance very easy terms. Campbell Bros., 1007 Government street. d2?

An Island Farm

Lot 33, Galaino Island, Midway Between Victoria and Vancouver

102 acres, with three-quarter mile frontage on Montague Harbor. Cottage, outbuildings; 118 assorted fruit trees, 5 and 6 years old; soil light, suitable for fruit and poultry. C. P. R. service three times a week; wharf, school, stores, etc., in vicinity.

PRICE $2,500

Terms, $1,500 cash, balance in five years with interest at 6 per cent per annum. Call and see some photographic views of the place.

MONEY TO LOAN — **P. R. BROWN** — INSURANCE WRITTEN

1112 BROAD STREET

FOR SALE--HOUSES

THREE ROOMED BUNGALOW, ½ mile circle, sewer, light, etc., on paved street; sacrifice for $1,250; full sized lot; terms to suit. Box 421, Times. d26

FOR SALE--ACREAGE

ACREAGE—Several 2 to 5-acre pieces of choice acreage for sale, Cedar Hill district, and on B. C. car line, rich soil, ideal for chickens, fine situations; low price, very easy terms. Fetherston, Mount Tolmie P. O. d31

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

OAK BAY THEATRE—To-night, Pauline Bush in "A Night of Thrills." d23

WAR PRICES—Carbon cleaned, and valves ground, four-cylinder cars, $10; six-cylinder, $14. Oxy-acetylene welding at the right price. Harry Moore, garage, corner Menzies and Superior Sts. Phone 4780. d26

EXTRA SALESGIRLS WANTED—Experience unnecessary. Apply at once. 10c. Store, Government street. d23

FREE TURKEY—A fine fat turkey will be given away at the Oak Bay Theatre to-morrow night. d23

DUNHILL'S English pipes and smoking mixture, all best brands of cigars and cigarettes, and latest English papers for sale at Eliott's Cigar Stand, 622 Fort street (opposite Pemberton Buildings). Call and see our stock before Christmas. d26

PHONE 2148 Print me 1,000 cards. d23

CAST IRON, brass, steel and aluminum welded. H. Edwards, 735 Johnson St. d29

TO LET—5 roomed house, Fraser street, Esquimalt, $17. Apply next door (Lewis Cottage). d30

FOR SALE—Piano, good as new, bargain. 669 Burnside road. d30

AMATEURS, AMATEURS — Monster competition, Oak Bay Theatre, to-morrow night, Christmas Eve. d23

LOST—Singer bicycle. Finder please return to Old Country Boot Store, Johnson street. Reward. d26

WANTED—5 or 6 roomed, furnished house, close in; rent not over $18. Phone 1158. d26

BUILD YOUR HOUSE—If you own or have a lot partly paid for, save speculative profit, get war price; opportunity will never come to get such bargains again. I get money, plans and build for you. Box 413, Times. j7

EXTRA SALESGIRLS WANTED—Experience unnecessary. Apply at once. 10c. Store, Government street. d23

ADDING MACHINE EXPERTS—It is money to you to have your adder thoroughly overhauled; it will work better, last longer by attention. Telephone 1734. James Green, gunmaker, 1319 Government. d23

WANTED—Small cash register; must be cheap. Harrison Cash Grocery, corner Quadra and North Park. d26

LOST—Between Heywood avenue and Cambridge street, a nickled automobile crank. Finder kindly notify J. C. Fields, 123 Cambridge street. d26

OAK BAY THEATRE—Wonderful holiday attractions to-night. d23

WANTED—To borrow $1,000 on four roomed, fully modern, new bungalow, ½ mile circle; will pay good rate of interest. Box 419, Times. d26

FOR SALE—Roll top desk, mission revolving chair to match; also 200-egg incubator, Peerless, cheap. Box 420, Times. d26

FOR SALE—Horse and delivery wagon, in good condition. Apply B. & M. Fish Store, 651 Johnson street. d26

FOR SALE—Wagon, in good condition. Apply B. & M. Fish Store, Johnson St. d26

TO LET—Furnished bungalow, 713 Powderly avenue. Apply 1249 Finlayson St. d26

WANTED—A three or four-room cottage; rent must be reasonable. Box 417, Times. d26

YOU MUST RETURN the compliment. Give a private New Year card from Diggon Printing Co., 1014 Broad street (Pemberton Block). d23

FOR SALE—Overland car, new tires, suitable for stage; price $450. Phone 2834. d26

CLEAN, furnished, housekeeping, one, two and three-room flats, $5 per month up; all conveniences. 1036 Hillside Ave. j24

FOR RENT—Furnished cabin, all conveniences. 1036 Hillside avenue. j24

FOR SALE—1913 Russell, 5-passenger, 22 h. p. Silent Knight engine, in perfect condition, very little used; price $1,250. Thos. Plimley, 730 Johnson St., city. d26

FOR SALE—1914 Ford, in good condition, with non-skid tires all wheels, slip covers over upholstery; price $475. Thos. Plimley, 730 Johnson street. d26

INVITATIONS to at homes, dances and all social printing tastefully and cheaply produced by Diggon Printing Co., 1014 Broad street (Pemberton Block). d23

WANTED—2 unfurnished rooms, with use of bath, private house or apartments, close in; state rent. Box 380, Times. d23

FOR SALE—Good range; also cook stove. Phone 168. d26

TYPEWRITER to exchange for a bicycle or anything I can use. Box 424, Times. d26

DIED

MANTON—On the 23rd instant, at Work Point barracks, the death occurred of Sergeant-Major Walter Manton, supernumerary staff, Royal Canadian Engineers, aged 48 years.

Funeral will be held from Station Hospital, Work Point barracks, on Thursday, 24th inst., at 1.30 p. m. Interment military cemetery.

THREE CONVICTED FOR THE MUDLARK MUTINY

Heavy Fines for Munro, Rhodes and Trousdale; Case Against Venables Dismissed

Three ex-members of the crew of the dredge Mudlark were found guilty in the police court this morning of doing grievous bodily harm to James Larsen, fireman and oiler on the same plant. Their names were D. Munro, R. Trousdale and J. Rhodes. A fourth accused, E. Vennables, was discharged. The magistrate found that Munro was implicated more than the others, and fined him $100, while the other two were mulcted in $50 apiece. The fines were at once paid. In giving his decision Magistrate Jay said:

"That Larsen was assaulted and received grievous bodily harm there can be no doubt. His wounds are apparent to everybody, and there is also the evidence of the medical practitioner. In fact it has not been suggested at any time during the trial that Larsen did not receive the wounds at the time of the trouble between the men.

"The question I have to decide is whether the assault was justifiable, whether or not there was provocation, and if the parties who inflicted the injuries were acting on the defensive.

"The trouble on the Mudlark has been most unfortunte, but a careful analysis of the evidence goes to show clearly that from the time Larsen interfered with Rhodes to prevent him from damaging the cook, Larsen was on the defensive.

"The whole evidence goes to show that Larsen was followed by these men. When he left the pantry and made his way to the stokehold he was followed there.

"I cannot come to any other conclusion but that the three men are guilty. Vennables action is not altogether free from blame, and if there had been any corroborative evidence of a witness statement that he said 'kill him,' I would have convicted him with the others. As there is not, he is discharged.

"While the attack was very likely the culmination of the trouble which has existed on the dredge for some time, I cannot overlook the fact that the offence was a very grave one, and to-day they might have had on their hands the life of this man."

The circumstances leading up to the police court action which concluded this morning have been recounted at length in previous issues of the Times. The recent inquiry by C. F. Davie, as commissioner, brought about by certain accusations by members of the crew against Capt. T. H. Brown, have, it was said, divided the workers on the plant into two camps ever since that time.

It is significant that all the men implicated in the attack upon Larsen and the cook were against the captain in the inquiry held by the commissioner, while Larsen himself, and the cook, Holding, were among those who refused to sign the petition of protest when asked to do so.

The injuries sustained by Larsen were very serious. There were two deep wounds caused by a poker on the head, and a broken blood vessel above the eye from which the blood flowed into the ball, temporarily impairing the sight. There were also lacerations of the face. Larsen received these injuries in going to the assistance of the cook who was being roughly handled by the engineer, Rhodes.

A large amount of interest was taken in the case, and the court was crowded at every sitting.

FINANCING MORTGAGES.

If you are paying 8% for the use of $10,000, either you or your heirs must at some time repay the $10,000, and in the last analysis of the case it really makes little difference whether you yourself, or your heirs pay the $10,000, as in the end it comes out of your estate in any case.

Now, if by making a yearly deposit of only 2% you can provide an immediate and absolute guarantee that in the event of your death the $10,000 mortgage will be paid off, is that not a wise investment? In other words, if it costs you 8% for the use of $10,000 which must be repaid, where is the man who will not say it is a good business proposition to provide for the payment of the $10,000 at a cost of only 2%. And this is what you can arrange to have done by a policy in The Mutual Life of Canada. The percentage varies according to age, 2% being the figure at age 34, and less than 3% at age 44. For information and particulars apply to R. L. Drury, Manager; or Fred. M. McGregor, and T. H. Marriner, Special Agents; Offices, 918 Government street.

BUYING LOCALLY IS SELF-PRESERVATION

Manager of Gordon's, Ltd., Advances Further Reasons for Civic Patriotism

"An appeal to the public to buy in their own city is almost a necessity in these times of stress," said George Barton, manager of Gordon's, Ltd., to the Times to-day. "Self-preservation is the first law, and it is the commercial activity of a city which makes it."

As manager of one of the largest businesses of its kind in the west, Mr. Barton is entitled to speak with some authority on the reasons why Victorians should purchase whatever they require in local stores.

"Many people," he said, "make the mistake of thinking that they can get newer styles by sending to places such as New York and other great cities of the east. I cannot be too emphatic that Victoria is just as far ahead in the matter of styles as New York itself is. On my buying trip there last summer I noticed the styles set for the fall fashions, and when I got back to Victoria the same models were already in stock. It is also a great mistake to think that general merchandise can be bought any more cheaply elsewhere than it can be purchased in Victoria.

"But what seems to me the overwhelming advantage in buying here is that the customer can see for herself exactly what she requires, and can choose for herself without having to trust to luck and the catalogue. In the matter of fit, too, buying at home is much more advantageous and convenient, and it is quite believable that so many people are giving up sending away for their goods for this reason. I am informed that a large number of people have curtailed their orders altogether from eastern houses this year and are spending locally instead."

Mr. Barton said that the publicity given the movement for buying in Victoria had already had a big effect on the public mind and sales had during the past month picked up appreciably in consequence.

"The main fact that we should have in mind," he added, "in buying in Victoria is the enormous advantage so obtained of reaching people who are dependent on the local merchants and industrial life for their daily sustenance and the sustenance of their families. Every dollar spent here is in circulation here, and is reaching by one route or another those very people whom the various aid societies are endeavoring to help."

T. B. COCKBURN DEAD

Member of Vancouver World Staff Slipped on Stairs; Leaves Many Friends.

Missing his footing on the ice-covered pavement, Thomas B. Cockburn, editorial writer for the Vancouver World, slipped down the basement steps of the Grant block, 2636 Fraser avenue, Vancouver, on Monday night and broke his neck. His body was found early in the morning by William Gaskell. Mr. Cockburn was on his way home when death overtook him. News of his death came as a great shock not only to the newspaper fraternity, but to the host of friends he had in Vancouver, Victoria, New Westminster and other parts of the province.

Mr. Cockburn had been in Vancouver since 1901. He had much newspaper experience and during his career had served on the Androssan Herald, the Scotsman and the Glasgow Herald. He was born in 1868, at Stonehouse, Scotland, and, after his Scottish journalistic work, went to London to join the Central News Agency.

He resided at 2934 St. Catharine's street, Vancouver, and leaves a widow and four children. He was a member of the Masonic order of long standing.

OBITUARY RECORD

The funeral of Margaret Janet Galloway, wife of Horatio White, of Saanichton, took place yesterday afternoon from the residence at Saanichton at 2 o'clock, proceeding to St. Stephen's church, where service was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Archibald. The remains were interred in St. Stephen's cemetery. The funeral was private, and the casket was covered with many beautiful floral tributes of respect. The following officiated as pallbearers: H. Girdwood, W. A. Kingscote, W. Anthony Williams and H. Patterson.

CHRISTMAS MARKET ATTRACTS SHOPPERS

Hundreds Attend Special Market-Day This Morning; Sales Brisk

The first Christmas market-day held in Victoria since the revival of the market opened this morning slightly before the usual hour, in anticipation of the rush of business that was to fill the building with shoppers in quest of some favorite delicacy for the Christmas dinner. Reposing in plump complacency on half the counters at the market were ducks, geese, turkeys, chickens and rabbits that had been fattening for weeks for somebody's Christmas feast. Their places, as they went off to fill a place in some well-filled larder, were taken by others equally plump and tempting. Sucking pigs, with rosy apples in their mouths, just as if they had been caught after a raid in some forbidden orchard, stuck out saucy noses all sprigged with holly, flanking them being golden country butter, brown eggs with the bloom of freshness still clinging to them, mince pies, and tapering carrots. The season was in the air, and gave a confusion of festive sounds and festive flavors which would have put an edge on the most jaded appetite. A big coop of fat geese kept up a welcoming honk, little suggestive of the fate which was awaiting them before the end of the day.

Sales were brisk. Everyone is too busy at this season to pay a visit anywhere without some definite intention as a motive. So the crowd that poured in and out of the market building all morning spent money, and great parcels, like growing snowballs, followed them from stall to stall as they added tit-bit to tit-bit and purchase to purchase. Next week, too, the market will be held on Wednesday, and already many of the farmers and poultrymen have received orders to be filled for their next visit to the city before New Year's day.

Prices were very consistent. Sucking pigs were bringing 25 cents per lb. and varied from 13 lbs. up to 20. Most people sold turkeys by orders received last week, and in most instances obtained 40 cents per lb. without any haggling. Geese brought from 30 to 35 cents, and, like the turkeys, might have sold in twice the numbers (dressed) if these had been obtainable. Pork sold from 18 cents for ends up to 20 cents for loin; beef varied from 10 to 25 cents per lb.

Of course there was a bigger demand than ever for fowls, many people retrenching on the household expenses for the year by having chicken instead of turkey or goose. These sold as usual for 20 cents for hens to 25 cents (for milk-fed chickens), and whole rows of dangling heads were thinned in the twinkling of an eye as some new line of Christmas shoppers drew up opposite some of the laden stalls.

There was something paradoxical in the statement of a little woman whose weekly supplies of eggs have an already wide reputation for irreproachable freshness: "Eggs flew!" It is true that the demand is still great, and although most people's pullets are beginning to lay, the supply of this commodity is still very much in arrears. Fifty-five cents was the very general price for eggs this morning, however, and all the farmers seemed quite agreed about it for once.

There were lots of appropriate etceteras for the festive board of December 25. Mince pies of all sizes and all colors, ranging in price from 30 cents a dozen up to 10 and 20 cents apiece, according to the dimensions; sausage-rolls, brawn, pig's cheek, holly (at 45 cents per pound), home-grown tomatoes (8 cents per pound), cut flowers for the dinner tables which can afford to groan with the weight of good things thereon, and potted plants. Christmas trees small enough to deck the festive board, and all sorts of tempting-looking salad greens. A ring of small folk and big folk hemmed in the toy-stand, where Santa Claus had a few inspirations given him by listening hard to the unconscious hints of the boys and girls with a bent for wheelbarrows, engines, chairs and tables of their very own, and beds for dollie.

REPORT PROGRESS

Two Members of Council Wait Upon Premier To-day Concerning Johnson Street Bridge.

The situation with regard to the Johnson street bridge was brought to the attention of the premier this afternoon by a deputation from the city council, composed of the mayor and Alderman Okell, chairman of the council bridge committee.

In view of the withdrawal of the B. C. Electric Railway company from the bodies responsible for the building of the bridge and the recent decision of the council to go ahead with the construction in conjunction with the government and the Esquimalt & Nanaimo railway, it was felt to be desirable that progress should be reported to Sir Richard McBride again, and that he should be asked when the government's assistance to the scheme will be forthcoming.

The latest developments in regard to the bridge were laid before the premier by the city deputation. Sir Richard McBride indicated himself as well satisfied with the steps taken by the council in securing the signatures of the various parties to the agreement. He renewed promise of the government to find its contribution when this was done.

There is no intention of submitting a by-law till the financial conditions considerably improve.

American Society.—The usual meeting of the American society was held last evening, and at the close of the business there was a social time spent by the members. The meeting of the society in the future will be held in the Knights of Columbus hall, in the Colbert block, Fort street.

SCHOOL SALARIES CUT BY TEN PER CENT.

Oak Bay Board Will Put New Rule in Force Next Term

A ten per cent. reduction all round, affecting the teaching staff, janitors and all other employees of the board, has been decided upon by the Oak Bay school board. The board of the adjoining municipality has thus set the example locally in salary reduction, a course which has been strongly urged on local bodies by retrenchment associations recently.

While the number of persons affected by the order is not so large as the number which would be affected by a similar rule in the city, the principle established is an important one—one which will have an important influence upon the other bodies which are contemplating similar steps in the new year.

The secretary of the board is notifying the employees of the board, about 15 in number, that the reduction is to be effective next term. One of the members of the board said to-day that the reduction had been decided upon by the trustees because the taxpayers were finding it increasingly difficult to make ends meet, and the demand on public bodies for reduction was becoming more insistent each month.

It is expected that the example which the Oak Bay board is setting will be followed by other boards. The per capita grant for teachers' salaries received from the government being a constant quantity, the actual cost of salaries, the principal item of school expenditure, will be reduced materially to the taxpayers by the ten per cent. reduction.

The new rule was decided upon at the last meeting of the board, in order that the notices might go out before the first of January.

Personal

Mrs. M. A. Wylde, of Shawnigan, is staying at Hampton Court.

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Mrs. George Moss, of Seattle, is in the city to spend Christmas with friends. Mr. Moss will join her here on Christmas eve.

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Miss Kathleen Dunsmuir, youngest daughter of Hon. James and Mrs. Dunsmuir, has left for London to take a course in ambulance work. She is an experienced chauffeuse and is anxious to drive a motor-ambulance at the front.

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Captain T. Rothwell, late of Thetis Island, who rejoined his old regiment, the 3rd Battalion Royal Warwickshires at the beginning of the war, left Southampton for the front on November 25, and has joined the 1st Battalion, which has been in action from the first. Capt. Rothwell, it will be recalled, married Miss G. Wilson, a niece of Miss Bainbridge Smith, of Royal Oak, who left here early last summer for England.

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A very pretty wedding took place in Duncan on Monday, when Mabel Lucy Jeffs, of Watford, England, became the wife of Edwin James, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Savage, of Duncan. The ceremony was performed in the presence of a great many friends by the Rev. A. E. Munro in St. Andrew's Presbyterian church. The pretty bride looked lovely in a gown of white silk with white lace tunic, and carried a beautiful bouquet of white chrysanthemums and white carnations. She was attended by two bridesmaids, sisters of the groom, Miss Kitty Savage in white velvet, and Miss Daisy Savage in grey velvet costumes. Both wore white carnations. The groom was supported by his second brother, John Savage. At the close of the ceremony the happy couple's most intimate friends gathered at the home of the groom's parents, where Mrs. Savage has been a guest for the past fortnight. After a most enjoyable reception Mr. and Mrs. Savage left by motor for this city, where the honeymoon will be spent. The bride's traveling costume was a becoming suit of blue with white hat. Upon their return Mr. and Mrs. Savage will reside in their new home in Duncan.

PROMINENT MEN TO GET NATURALIZATION PAPERS

Sir Wm. Van Horne, Sir Thomas Shaughnessy and Hon. G. H. Perley to Obtain Imperial Citizenship.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—Sir William Van Horne, Sir Thomas Shaughnessy and Hon. George H. Perley, Canadian citizens who were born in the United States, will be the first to secure the full status of imperial citizenship under the provisions of the new naturalization act which comes into effect in Canada. They will be the first to take out their papers, having already applied for naturalization.

Under the present naturalization laws a person born in the United States and naturalized in Canada becomes a Canadian, but is not recognized as a British subject in the British Isles. British naturalization, however, is recognized in Canada. The new act removes this anomaly. Any person who has lived in Canada five out of the past eight years may after January 1 become entitled to full imperial citizenship.

Artist (to long-suffering wife, who had been posing all day for his masterpiece, "Christians Being Devoured by Lions")—"There, I've finished the martyrs now, darling. If you'll just sit for the lion for half-an-hour I shall be through."

Public Announcement

We wish to emphasize the fact that we do not sell AMERICAN COAL. We only handle the famous WELLINGTON COAL.

Note the price **$6.50** per ton CASH.

Our Motto, "FULL MEASURE," and our reputation stands behind it.

Our Motto Full Measure — OUR DELIVERY IS UNEQUALLED — Our Motto Full Measure

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PHONES, 149 and 622. OFFICE, 738 FORT STREET.

ENTERTAIN CHILDREN

Two Hundred and Fifty Small Folks and Their Mothers at Christmas Tree To-day.

Two hundred and fifty happy children buzzing with excitement round a huge Christmas tree, ablaze with lights and shining balls of silver and gold and red, is a sight to be remembered as long as one lives. The Gonzales Chapter, I. O. D. E., were the hostesses this afternoon at a magnificent children's tea at the Alexandra cafe, after which the little people were escorted upstairs to the ballroom where the giant tree stood arrayed in all its glory.

And the mothers were all there, too, about eighty of them, and just as happy in watching the happiness of their children as if it had all been arranged for themselves. For the small folks were all the little boys and girls of soldiers and reservists who have been called away from home this year on account of the war, and will not be able to come home for Christmas.

Mrs. Genge had charge of the decorations, which were very beautiful, ropes of ivy intertwined with poinsettas and studded with electric lights being strung across the room. The wiring was all gratuitously done by the B. C. Electric Railway company, which, like many others, was only too willing to give its services to make the occasion a happy one for the children. Others who helped splendidly were Mrs. Jenner and Mr. and Mrs. Doyle, who gave their services for the afternoon, giving invaluable assistance to the ladies of the chapter in their efforts to entertain the children. Quantities of ornaments were lent by Mrs. Croft, and a gift of money from Mrs. Dunsmuir was also much appreciated. Miss Lizzie Raeburn knitted six bonnets for the children which made handsome gifts, and another to whom the chapter is indebted for help given is the Island Arts and Crafts club, which lent its room for the making of the decorations.

The entertainment, which was arranged by Mrs. Bridgewater, is being held later this afternoon, those who are taking part including Miss Phyllis Davis, H. J. Davis, Miss Helen MacDonald, and a number of children who are giving a Fairy Dance arranged by Mrs. Rattenbury. There is a Punch and Judy show, and a "Lucky Table" with four dolls for little girls, three toys for boys, and a quilt worked by Mrs. Loewen, which is to go to the mother who holds the lucky ticket.

KATUKTU'S PALACE AND TREASURES ARE BURNED

London, Dec. 23.—A dispatch from Urga, Mongolia, relates that the interior of the palace of the Katuktu, or the defied Lama of the Mongols, with all its priceless treasures, has been destroyed by fire. The loss entailed is said to be enormous.

The wealth of the Katuktu derived from the contributions of enthusiastic devotees, is described as very great. In and about Urga he owns 150,000 slaves, an abundance of worldly goods and the most pretentious palace in Mongolia.

Saturday a Bank Holiday.—Saturday being a half day in banking circles, and coming as it does this year after Christmas, will be observed here as a bank holiday and all the banks will be shut from the close of business to-morrow until Monday morning.

K. of P.

VICTORIA LODGE NO. 17

FUNERAL NOTICE

All members of the above lodge are requested to meet at K. of P. Hall tomorrow at 12 noon, for the purpose of attending the funeral of our late Brother W. Manton.

Visiting K. of P.'s and members of Far West Lodge No. 1 are cordially invited to attend.

C. HOSKING, C. C.
E. C. KAUFINDER, K. of R. & S.

MORTGAGEE'S SALE.

Under and by virtue of the powers contained in a certain Indenture of Mortgage dated the 5th day of January, 1914, the undersigned is instructed by the Assignee of the Mortgagee to offer for sale the following lands:

Lots Three (3), Four (4) and Five (5), in Block One (1); Lots Three (3), Four (4), Five (5), Seven (7), Eight (8), Nine (9), Ten (10), Eleven (11), Twenty-five (25), Twenty-six (26), Twenty-seven (27) and Twenty-eight (28), in Block Four (4); Lot Two (2), in Block Five (5), and that portion of Lot Twenty-eight (28), in Block Six (6), lying without suburban Lots Fifty (50) and Forty-two (42), and part of suburban Lot Forty-one (41) and northwest corner of Section Eleven (11), Esquimalt District, according to a map or plan on file in the Land Registry Office at the City of Victoria, and there numbered 1153; and, in accordance with such instructions, tenders for the purchase of the above-mentioned property will be received by the undersigned up to the 26th day of January, 1915.

The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

For further particulars and conditions of sale apply to

C. G. WHITE,
Of Room 303, Central Building, View Street, Victoria, B. C.,
Solicitor for the Assignee of the Mortgagee.

CREDITORS' TRUST DEEDS ACT AND AMENDING ACTS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Seth Shelton, Retail Dry Goods Merchant, carrying on business under the firm name and style of "Old Country Dry Goods Store," at 734 Yates street, in the city of Victoria, B. C., in the Province of British Columbia, assigned to James Roy, accountant, 222 Pacific Building, Vancouver, B. C., in trust for the benefit of his creditors, all his real and personal property, credits and effects, which may be seized and sold under execution, which assignment is dated the 8th day of December, 1914.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a meeting of the creditors will be held at the office of the assignee, 222 Pacific Building, 744 Hastings St., West, Vancouver, B. C., on Monday, the 21st day of December, 1914, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of giving directions for the disposal of the estate.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that creditors are required to send to the assignee on or before the 21st day of January, 1915, particulars, duly verified, of their claims and the security (if any) held by them, and to entitle any creditor to vote his claim must be filed on or before the date of the meeting.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the assignee will, on or after the 21st day of January, 1915, proceed to distribute the assets of the said Seth Shelton among the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he shall have then had notice, and he will not be held responsible for the assets, or any part thereof, so distributed to any person of whose claim he shall not then have been notified.

Dated at Vancouver, B. C., this 12th day of December, 1914.

JAMES ROY,
Assignee.

NOTE.—This notice is sent out to comply with the requirements of the CREDITORS' TRUST DEEDS ACT.
Cir. No. 336.

Work for the Victoria Patriotic Fund.

Stoddart's Jewelry Store

1113 Balmoral Block. Douglas Street

Customers having bought Diamonds of us are satisfied. We offer our Diamond Jewelry at fully 20 per cent lower than can be bought in any part of British Columbia. We buy direct, and no middle man between us. Any Diamond bought from us the cash will be returned within ten days if not found 20 per cent below other houses.

HELP

By Subscribing to the

Victoria Patriotic Aid Fund

Breathes there a man with soul so dead,
Who never to himself hath said:
This is my own, my native land.

Wilkerson's Gifts, $5 and Less

You will be surprised how much in real value you can get for $5 and less at our big Christmas Gift Discount Sale. The items given below are mere examples. The prices quoted are discounts of from 25 per cent. to 50 per cent. from regular values. Every article in the store from the least to the most valuable has been cut in price for this sale. Get your last-hour gifts here to-night or to-morrow. You can depend upon taste and quality.

Examples of Gifts at $5 and Less

	Discount Prices.		Discount Prices.
8-inch Depos-Art Bowl	$3.50	Ebony Brush and Comb	3.50
Depos-Art Sandwich Tray	5.00	Cut Glass Bowls, $4.40 to	3.50
Brass Fern Dish	1.00	Cut Glass Vases, $4.40 to	1.50
Brass Dinner Gong	3.50	Plated Cake Baskets	4.75
Brass Serving Trays	3.00	Clocks, $5.00 to	2.00
Bronze Desk Set	3.75	Mesh Bags, $4.40 to	1.50
Bronze Smoke Set	5.00	Card Case and Change Purse	4.50
Rose Bead Necklets, $2.75 to	1.50	Silver and Leather Photo Frames, $5.00 to	.25
Conklin Fountain Pens (self-filling), $4.40 to	2.40	Umbrellas, $5.00 to	2.65

Open This Evening. **WILKERSON** The Jeweler, 915 Govt. St. Good Gifts at Discount Prices.

Financial News

LOWER LEVELS MARKED ON VICTORIA MARKET

Portland Inclined to Broaden Others Quiet Waiting on Outside Influences

Acting on impulses from other markets, the range of the local stock market this morning extended towards lower levels, and sentiment was bearish in aspect.

No important depreciations in price were established.

Snowstorm went back one cent, and similarly other issues had fractional setbacks.

In Portland Canal, bullish inclinations were present, for the stock bore evidence of an attached buying interest for the session. There was small room for advance movements in this or others of the list, however, with feeling so narrowly confined and outside developments were watched, particularly as pertaining to New York.

	Bid.	Asked
Blackbird Syndicate	..	35.00
B. C. Refining Co.	.30	.80
B. C. Copper Co.	.75	1.50
C. N. P. Fisheries	..	.35
Coronation Gold	.03	.10
Lucky Jim Zinc	.02½	.03½
McGillivray Coal	.18	.22
Nugget Gold	..	.22
Portland Canal	.01½	.02
Rambler Cariboo	.08	.14
Red Cliff	..	.09
Standard Lead	1.00	1.40
Snowstorm	.16	.21
Stewart M. & D.	..	.60
Slocan Star	..	.35
S. S. Island Creamery	6.00	..
Stewart Land	..	7.50
Unlisted		
Glacier Creek	.02	.05
Island Investment	..	22.00
Union Club (deb.)	20.00	30.00
Western Can. F. Mills	..	120.00
Portland Tunnels	..	.06
North Shore Iron	..	.35
Athabasca Oil	..	.70
Sooke Waterworks	..	90.00

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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE BANK OF COMMERCE

The figures of the statement of the Canadian Bank of Commerce for the year ending November 30 have been announced.

The net profits for the twelve months were $2,665,243.29, to which should be added the balance of profit and loss account carried forward from last year, namely, $384,529, making a total of $3,052,762.

After making provision for the usual dividends to the shareholders, contribution to the officers' pension fund and a donation of $50,000 to the Canadian patriotic fund, there has been carried forward $1,117,763.27 to next year.

Cash reserves at the date of the balance sheet were $30,337,215.35, or 14.09 per cent. of the liabilities to the public, and the total assets were $245,000,000.

STOCKS IN NEW YORK FREELY SOLD TO-DAY

Foreigners Sell and New Low Records in Prices Are Established

(By F. W. Stevenson & Co.)

New York, Dec. 22.—At first the stock market gave no indication of any definite trend. The demand was light, which led the professional element to take the selling side of values. This, in conjunction with an amount of foreign liquidation, imparted bear feeling, so that later practically all stocks took on a weak tone, with leaders of the list in the forefront of the selling.

The minimum price limit on several more stocks was lowered this morning, and there were instances of new low records in quotations since the re-opening of the market.

Individual strength was shown in American Beet Sugar again. Earnings of this company are now running at the rate of 7 per cent. on the stock, but largely results from the European war.

	High.	Low.	Bid.
Alaska Gold	22	21½	21½
Amal. Copper	52½	49¾	49¾
Am. Beet Sugar	33	31	31½
Am. Can.	24	23½	23½
Am. Ice Securities	20½	20	20½
Am. Smelting	57	55	55½
Am. Tel. & Tel.	116¾	116	116½
Anaconda	25½	24½	24½
Atchison	92½	92	92
B. & O.	69½	67½	67½
B. R. T.	85½	84	84
C. P. R.	155½	154	154½
Central Leather	37½	36¾	37
C. & O.	42½	42	42
C. M. & St. P.	87½	85½	85½
Colo. Fuel & Iron	24	23½	23½
Erie	21½	21¼	21½
G. N., pref.	113	112	112½
G. N. Ore ctfs.	25½	25	25½
Lehigh Valley	124	131	131
New Haven	56	55½	54
Mex. Petro.	52	51	51
Mo. Pacific	9¾	9½	9½
Nev. Cons.	11½	11	11½
N. Y. C.	83½	81¾	81½
N. & W.	99¾	99¾	99
Pennsylvania	106¾	102½	102½
Reading	144½	140½	140½
Rock Island	1	½	½
S. P.	82½	81½	81½
Tenn. Copper	30¾	30	30
U. P.	116¾	113¾	114
U. S. Steel	49	48	48
Do., pref.	104¾	104½	104½
Utah Copper	47½	46¾	46¾
Westinghouse	67½	67½	67

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METAL MARKETS.

New York, Dec. 23.—Lead, $3.75@3.85; copper unsettled; electrolytic, $13.12½@$13.50; casting, $13@$12.25.

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LONDON EXCHANGE TO OPEN.

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THIRTIETH BATTALION MARCH THROUGH CITY

Men of Overseas Force Make a Splendid Appearance on Principal Streets

Citizens of Victoria had an opportunity to-day to see the men who volunteered for overseas service and are mustered in the 30th battalion at the Willows.

By the courtesy of Lt.-Col. J. A. Hall, officer commanding, the battalion marched through the principal streets of the city this afternoon, leaving the camp at 2 o'clock, marching in by Fort street, and parading through Government, Douglas and other of the leading business thoroughfares where the Christmas shoppers watched them pass.

The men are now all fully equipped and made a splendid appearance on the march. They were in full marching order, with arms and equipment, just as they would be if they were at the front and proceeding from point to point.

The Maxim gun detachment and the armored motor brought up the rear of the line.

They were cheered frequently as they passed along and the most favorable comment was heard as to their soldierly look and the perfection of their bearing and marching.

The Christmas arrangements made at the camp insure that the men will have a good time that day. As many as can be allowed to eat their Christmas dinners at home will do so, while for those who remain in camp there will be a plentiful spread and lots of entertainment.

GERMANS ADVISED TO ECONOMIZE IN FOOD

Amsterdam, Dec. 23.—The Vossiche Zeitung, of Berlin, prints an appeal signed by leading German professors of political economy which urges Germans to live on vegetables and rye bread, leaving meat, white bread and delicacies for the sick and wounded.

"England wants to starve us and we must, therefore, do everything possible to economize in use of our food," the appeal says.

GOVERNMENT TO PAY BOMBARDMENT LOSSES

London, Dec. 23.—The British government has decided to indemnify from the imperial funds those who suffered bodily or property losses as a result of the recent German naval raid on the coast towns of Scarborough, Whitby, Hartlepool and West Hartlepool.

WHEAT WEAKER TO-DAY ON CHICAGO MARKET

Winnipeg, Dec. 23.—Wheat futures opened ¼ lower for all months, May oats ⅛ higher, and flax 1¼ to 1½ higher. Wheat was weaker and acted somewhat unsettled with a light volume of business in futures being transacted. The export departments continue active. Further sales were worked to-day by many exporting firms, while one house had 50,000 bushels sold in the first hour.

The cash demand for wheat is quiet generally, receipts are light and also offerings, with a business easing up owing to the nearness of the holidays. Barley was in good request, while flax and oats were firm. The higher grades of oats are wanted most. The total inspections yesterday were 240 cars as against 584 cars last year, and in sight to-day were 160 cars. The weather has been fair and decidedly cold, forecast local snowfalls, mostly fair and decidedly cold to-day and to-morrow. Oats closed ⅛ higher, and flax closed 2¼ to 2½ higher. Winnipeg wheat futures closed ⅛c. to 1c. lower. Cash closed 1c. lower on all contract grades. At a regular general meeting the following dates were declared as legal holidays, Christmas, Friday, Dec. 25, and Saturday, Dec. 26; New Year's, Jan. 1 and Jan. 2.

	Open	Close
Wheat—		
Dec.	122½	121½
May	127	126½
July	128¾	128½
Oats—		
Dec.	54½	54½
May	57¾	57½
Barley—		
Dec.	..	64½
Flax—		
Dec.	134¾	136
May	140	140¾

Cash prices: Wheat—1 Nor., 121½; 2 Nor., 118½; 3 Nor., 114.

Oats—2 C. W., 54¾; 3 C. W., 51¾; extra 1 feed, 51¾.

Barley—No. 3, 64½; No. 4, 60½; rejected, 57; feed, 57.

Flax—1 N. W. C., 135½; 2 C. W., 132½.

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CHICAGO WHEAT AND PROVISION MARKETS

(By F. W. Stevenson & Co.)

Chicago, Dec. 23.—Liverpool futures not quoted, spot there unchanged to half up, the latter for Chicago red wheat. English houses were sending the report of 10 million surplus from the Argentine harvest, presumably to make markets on this side where additional big purchases can be made. Export clearances, wheat and flour, 1,853,000, about 600,000 larger than total primary receipts for the day.

	Open	High	Low	Close
Wheat—				
July	120¾	120¾	119¾	120
Dec.	126	126¾	125¾	125¾
May	128¾	129¾	128	128¾
Corn—				
July	72	72½	71¾	72½
Dec.	65	65½	65	65¾
May	71¾	71¾	71¾	..
Oats—				
Dec.	49	49½	48¾	48¾
May	53	53½	52¾	53½
Pork—				
Jan.	18.60	18.65	18.35	18.35
May	19.15	19.15	18.85	18.85
Lard—				
Jan.	10.32	10.35	10.30	10.30
May	10.55	10.57	10.47	10.47
Short Ribs—				
Jan.	10.12	10.15	10.10	10.15
May	10.55	10.57	10.45	10.45

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NEW YORK COTTON MARKET

(By F. W. Stevenson & Co.)

	Open	High	Low	Close
Jan.	7.54	7.55	7.48	7.48-49
March	7.75	7.75	7.62	7.62-63
May	7.96	7.98	7.83	7.81-82
July	8.12	8.13	7.98	7.98-99
Oct.	8.38	8.39	8.23	8.23-24
Dec.	7.36	7.40	7.30	7.23-25

ATTORNEY-GENERAL IS CRITICIZED IN COURT

Chief Justice Says Appearance of Bowser Firm to Get Convict Off is Tainted

Vancouver, Dec. 23.—A refusal of Chief Justice Hunter of the Supreme court to grant an alleged member of the attorney-general's law firm a hearing in a criminal appeal provided a passing sensation at the courthouse this morning, and was made the occasion by the court and Joseph Martin, K. C., for some strong comments on the propriety of the attorney-general's firm appearing on behalf of convicted persons seeking to have their convictions quashed.

The matter arose out of an appeal by three Chinese recently convicted by the Chilliwack magistrate for keeping and frequenting a gambling joint, in which W. B. A. Ritchie, K. C., who often acts as counsel for the firm of Bowser, Reid & Wallbridge, appeared on behalf of the Chinese. Joseph Martin, K. C., appeared on behalf of the magistrate and township of Chilliwack.

"I have a preliminary objection," said Mr. Martin, as Mr. Ritchie rose to his feet. "This is an application by the firm of Bowser, Reid & Wallbridge, of which the attorney-general is a member, and I claim that the firm is therefore debarred from appearing for accused persons seeking to have their convictions quashed."

Mr. Martin read from the British North America act and the Atorney-General's act to show that the administration of justice was vested in the attorney-general, who had the sole appointing and control of the various magistrates in the province, and he protested that it was improper that the attorney-general should be interested in both sides of the case.

"I am not a member of Mr. Bowser's firm. I had been asked to take this case by the solicitor, Mr. Lee," protested Mr. Ritchie.

"The papers have the name of Mr. Wallbridge on. Mr. Wallbridge is a partner of Mr. Bowser's," said Mr. Martin.

Chief Justice Hunter: "They were responsible for the initiation of these proceedings, Mr. Ritchie. (To Mr. Martin.) By the way, you were responsible for the passing of the provincial act, I think."

Mr. Martin: "I merely copied it from the other provinces. It is the ordinary act. But when I was attorney-general I lived up to it. Now it does not seem to be lived up to. My legal point is that Mr. Bowser is a barrister of this court, and I am sure that this court will not allow him, while acting head of the department of justice with the right to appoint or dismiss these magistrates, to also act on behalf of accused against these magistrates. It is a gross outrage on the administration of justice and on this court. These Chinamen go to Bowser, Reid & Wallbridge and give them a huge sum, say $1,000, and say, 'Here, you get us off.' Why do they do that? Why do they go to the firm that the attorney general is in? Is it to get ordinary legal advice? No; they go to the firm where the man who put them in jail is a partner, thinking that he can get them better justice—or what they think is justice—than an ordinary legal firm that merely argues points of law."

Chief Justice Hunter: "It seems to me to be a grave state of affairs. Here is a case where an officer charged with the administration of justice is taking proceedings to have convictions made by his own officers set aside. The attorney-general has an interest in this firm. The whole thing to my mind is tainted. It is tainted at the fountain head. I never saw a clearer case of where interest conflicts with duty. He should not be allowed to act in criminal convictions."

Mr. Ritchie again protested that the matter had been brought to him by a solicitor in the ordinary way of his business, and that no injustice or impropriety had been or could be done by his appearance.

Chief Justice Hunter, however, remained firm. "This is a case where the attorney-general's partner is taking steps to secure the release of a convict, and I cannot give him an audience. If you start new proceedings apart from the firm of Bowser, Reid & Wallbridge, I may give you the right to an audience," he said, in dismissing the application with costs.

Later Mr. Ritchie appeared on an ex parte motion, secured an order nisi for certiorari to review the evidence taken at the trials.

"Remember, you are taking it at your own risk," warned the chief justice. "You can see from what has transpired this morning that it will be strongly opposed, and it will be necessary for you to see that your material is in proper order."

The matter was adjourned to come up again on January 4.

PORTUGAL READY TO JOIN GREAT BRITAIN

Lisbon, Dec. 23.—The Portuguese chamber of deputies to-day voted in favor of preparations to join Great Britain in the European war.

The vote followed an announcement by the colonial secretary of fresh German aggressions in the Portuguese African possessions of Angola. The Portuguese colonists are said to have retreated, having but few troops at their command, pending the arrival of reinforcements. It was understood the invaders were from adjoining German territory.

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(a) Authorizing the Council of the Municipality in addition to all powers contained in Subsec. 103, of Sec. 54 of the Municipal Act, to pass a By-law charging the owners or occupants of any house, property, tenement, lot or part of lot, or both, in, through, or past which any water main or pipe shall run, a reasonable rent or charge for the use or opportunity of use of the water, whether such owner or occupant shall use the water or not, or is connected or not with the water main or pipe, and for charging the owner or lessee of each vacant property, lot or part of lot, fronting on any street, in, through or past which any water main or pipes are to be placed, provided the pipe or main runs in, through or past the said property, lot or part of lot, with a reasonable rent or charge for the use or opportunity of using the water, whether there is any connection or not, and for providing that these powers shall apply to all waterworks heretofore constructed under Local Improvement System and taken over by the Municipality, and to all waterworks hereafter constructed with moneys heretofore voted.

(b) Authorizing the Council of the Municipality when a work is to be or has been done either under the Municipal Act or Local Improvement Act when a frontage rate is incapable or difficult of determination, to charge an equitable proportion of the cost of any such work against any area or areas whether subdivided or not, and whether the same has or has not any frontage on any street; and to assess such charge by a special rate.

(c) To take over, alter and improve any waterworks, mains, pipes or plant heretofore or hereafter constructed, and to assume all liability in connection therewith, and particularly to exercise in connection therewith the rights provided by Subsec. 103 of Sec. 54 of the Municipal Act, and all rights to be granted by the Act to be obtained.

(d) Authorizing the Municipality to borrow any amount for fire protection purposes;

(e) Validating the Marigold and Blackwood Local Improvement By-Law and additional By-Laws affecting the same to be hereafter passed defining the areas set out in said By-Laws and fixing the assessments and permitting the Municipality to assess and collect the actual costs of the works.

(f) And for such other powers as may be necessary or convenient in connection with the above.

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THE VICTORIA NORMAL SCHOOL

The Department of Education announces that the new Provincial Normal School at Victoria will open on January 4, 1915. Each applicant for admission must give notice to the Principal at least ten days before the commencement of the session. Forms of application can be obtained by addressing The Principal, the Provincial Normal School, the Department of Education, Victoria, B. C.

ASK BOARD TO TAKE CONTROL OF SCHOOL

Proposal That Handicraft School Be Part of City Night Classes

On account of the absence of a quorum of the city school board yesterday when a deputation from the Islands Arts and Crafts club waited on the trustees to ask them to take over the work of the handicraft school, the trustees adjourned till this evening when further consideration will be given to the subject, as well as to the transaction of the board's business which requires attention before the holidays.

The deputation, which was composed of Miss Crease, Miss Mills, Dr. Hasell and J. J. Shallcross, explained the objects of the club and the desire to have the work carried on as part of the continuation school work, to supplement the art course.

Mr. Shallcross, chairman of the committee, stated that the work had been carried on so far by means of private subscriptions, fees from students and a special government grant. The grant would not be continued unless the work was transferred to a public body, in which case the committee would ask to be constituted the advisory committee on that particular subject, as the act provided.

The club had $600 on hand to the credit of the school and would spend that in additional equipment. There was already a considerable amount of plant on hand at the school, which could be moved to the High school.

He thought the school would require two rooms, one for the noisy work and another for the quieter classes. He touched on the importance of the work from the standpoint of its artistic value and also from that of its utility in encouraging the application of art to industry. The school had not been opened in October, but the club was expecting to have it reopened in January. The number of pupils in the past had averaged from 20 to 30.

Dr. Hasell looked for the development of an art school.

"As this is a war against materialism, it will be the precursor of a higher standard in all things," he said.

He believed that if the board acceded to the committee's request it would be a general benefit to the community.

Assurance was given by the committee that the proposal would not impose any expense on the trustees, at any rate till the experiment had been given a full trial.

Inspector Paul stated that the night schools were attended by some 360 students. With the government grant and the fees, the actual cost to the board was small.

Mrs. Jenkins and Dr. Hall both supported the scheme. Mr. Shallcross suggested the names of the committee, Miss Crease, Miss Mills, Dr. Hasell, Messrs. Irving and T. Bamford and himself, as members of the advisory committee proposed.

Consideration of the proposal will be resumed when a quorum of the board is present.

PASSES REVISION COURT.

Shelbourne Street Assessment Can Now Proceed; Lake Road Improvement.

At the meeting of the Saanich court of revision on Shelbourne street improvement yesterday, the assessments for the expropriation proceedings were confirmed and the next procedure will be the passage of a by-law at the next council meeting levying the charges on the property owners concerned. Only one owner objected yesterday at the session. The total outlay on the work, including costs, will be about $30,000. It is necessary to secure this land before construction can commence.

The by-law for Lake road improvement passed through its earlier stages at the council meeting held after the court yesterday, and as the undertaking, which will cost about $30,000, has been financed by the owners interested, a contract will be awarded at an early date. Luney Brothers, Ltd., are the lowest tenderers, and will, it is expected, receive the contract.

There was little business before the works committee.

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TO SELECT CANDIDATE

Ward II. Saanich Ratepayers to Meet; Councilor Sherwood's Intentions.

Reeve McGregor and Councilor Sherwood have received invitations to attend the meeting of the Ward 2 Saanich Ratepayers' association this evening at St. Mark's hall.

At this meeting the name of a candidate for councilor will be suggested. Mr. Sherwood states that it is improbable that he will offer himself for re-election, as he finds the sacrifice of time too heavy. There will thus be a vacancy in this ward.

Three of the present councilors have now withdrawn from the field and three are definitely in it. The intentions of Councilor Grant in Ward 5 depend somewhat on circumstances, though it is believed he will run again.

Of the wards open by retirement, Nos. 2, 3 and 4, there is yet no definite choice in Ward 3, although a leading resident of Gordon Head is mentioned. In Ward 4 there are two candidates in the field.

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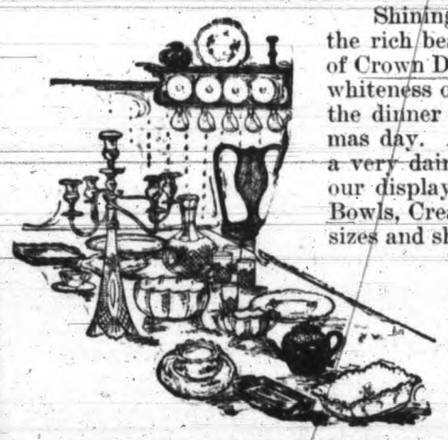
We have just opened up a shipment of specially fine Pillows, each pair put up in a fancy box for the Christmas trade, which sell at a cash price of $5.85 per pair. Come in and see them. The box will make a very useful and ornamental hat box.

A Dainty Christmas Gift



Shining Silverware, sparkling Cut Glass, and the rich beautiful coloring of a few choice pieces of Crown Derby China, in contrast with the snowy whiteness of an Irish Linen Tablecloth, will make the dinner table extremely attractive for Christmas day. A piece of this beautiful China makes a very dainty Christmas gift. Come in and see our display of Royal Crown Derby China, Salad Bowls, Creams and Sugars, Bon Bon Dishes of all sizes and shapes, Tea Pots, Salts and Peppers, etc.

CASH PRICES

Bon Bons, $6.30 and	$7.20
Salts and Peppers, each	$2.13
Creams and Sugars, per pair	$3.15
Biscuit Jars, each	$6.75

Comfortable Chairs

There is always a great demand for roomy, comfortable chairs and rockers at Christmas time. Every one appreciates a gift like this. The Flanders style is massive and will last a life-time. It is built of solid quarter-sawn oak throughout, well finished, and the automobile seats are well upholstered and covered with genuine Spanish leather. Come in and see our large selection of easy chairs and "MADE-IN-VICTORIA" UPHOLSTERED FURNITURE.

CASH PRICES

Arm and Rocking Chairs, each	$24.75
Large Arm Chairs to match	$45.00
Settee, in same style	$38.25
Upholstered Easy Chairs from $9.00 to	$54.00

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